Reviewer's report

Title: Dissemination and implementation of suicide prevention training in one Scottish region

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This is another fine contribution to previous evaluation work pertaining to the STORM training and project of this researcher group (as cited, outlined, and discussed in the current paper). The journal audience will find this article useful and stimulating. Only minor amendments appear necessary for ms. acceptance.

Minor Essential Revisions:

Introduction (p. 4, para 1): for clarity and as a service for readers, it would be good to quantify the amount of the increase in suicide rates seen in Scotland over the last thirty years and to provide a comparison of the current Scottish suicide rate with the suicide rate of England. As for international comparisons, also provide the rank the Scottish suicide rate has among the list of European countries.

P. 9, first para of Results and Discussion: if feasible, include a non-responder analysis. It would also be interesting to include an analysis of the six-month follow-up data (although the response rate was low, 31%).

Tables 2 and 3: the analysis of the attitudinal data (pre-post training comparisons) is based on single items. Is it possible to sum these items up to yield (and analyze) one composite score (or a few composite scores, should factor analysis indicate that the attitudes probed with these items were not unidimensional)?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.