Reviewer's report

**Title:** Exposing the key functions of a complex intervention for shared care in mental health: case study of a process evaluation

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**Reviewer:** Susan Michie

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The manuscript is much improved and has addressed the points I raised. There is one further point arising from developments since the manuscript was submitted. The article refers to the "more recent" MRC framework for developing and evaluating complex interventions. The updated version has been published a matter of weeks ago (MRC website and BMJ) and is much more relevant to the work reported in this article than the original one. Whilst the authors may wish to refer to the original one, I would advise one further amendment/set of amendments to also refer to the new one. It would make this article both more up to date and timely. The work also conceptually sits well within the updated framework.

**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