Reviewer’s report

Title: Peer-mentoring for first-time mothers from areas of socio-economic disadvantage: a qualitative study within a randomised controlled trial

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Reviewer: Judith Lumley

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This revised version of the original paper is much clearer and easier to follow than its predecessor.

The presentation of the information, the additional information provided, and the amount of detail were very helpful in following the progress of the intervention.

There was a much clearer account of data collection, mentor selection and training, and of data analysis in this version.

It seems that we need to spread the understanding of ‘mentor’ and ‘mentoring’ more broadly so that it is perceived to be a standard way of approaching some difficult issues.

The difficulties of this intervention are much more explicit in the revised paper, helping the readers to understand the additional negative realities of randomised trials (randomisation and having a ‘peer mentor’. The extensive quotations were a major strength in the revised version.

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 I do not have any competing interests.

I am part of a group carrying out an RCT - in which women experiencing or at risk of intimate partner violence - are offered a Mentor.