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The reviewer’s comments are in plain text and our responses are highlighted in italics.

Reviewer: Ann Hill

Reviewer's report: The authors have made an effort to take the reviewers' comments into account. Overall I am satisfied with the changes, although the Discussion is rather prolix.

We thank the reviewer for her response and have made no further changes to the narrative of the manuscript.

Minor essential revisions are:-

p10 line 9: counsellors were selected (not 'counsellors, where selected')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 9.

p13 line 6: practised (not 'practiced')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 12

p14 line 5: individual understanding of (not 'individual take on')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 13

p16 bullet 2 heading: Technical oversight and training (not 'Technical management...')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 16

p16 line 3 from end: peer counsellors' technical competence (not '....counsellors technical competence')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 16

p17 line 1: also required the (not 'also required of the'
The change has been made and is reflected on p 16

p17 bullet 1 heading: Emotional support (not 'Emotional management')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 17

p18 para 2 line 2: emotional support (not 'emotional management')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 17

p18 para 2 line 3: ..to whom they were delivering the intervention (rather than ending sentence with 'to')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 17

p19 bullet 1 heading: Safety considerations (not 'Safety management')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 18

p20 para 3 line 3: embedded (not 'imbedded')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 20

p23 para 3 line 2: losing staff (not 'loosing staff')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 23

p24 bullet 1 lines 6/7: research team (not 'research management') p25 line 7: research team (not 'research management')
This has been changed to research management team where appropriate throughout the document since not all of the research team were involved in management.

p26 line 8: universally (not 'unanimously')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 26

p26 para 2 line 2: data have (not 'data has')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 26

p27 5 lines from end: they built (not 'the built')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 27

p30 bullet 1: technical support (not 'technical intervention management')
The change has been made and is reflected on p 29

p30 omit refs in 'key messages'.
The change has been made and is reflected on p 30