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Thank you for your email of 8th March informing us that our manuscript has been accepted for publication in BMC Medicine and requesting some formatting changes.

We have made the changes as follows:

Author's contributions
The contributions of each author have been spelled out using your suggested format. Please note that we have added a collaborator on the trial, Professor Karina Lovell, as an author. Professor Lovell is a member of our Trial Management team and played a major role in the design of the treatment fidelity study, as well as advising on other aspects of the study, such as recruitment.

We have also added acknowledgements to the two counsellors, Diana Jerman and David Quarmy, who have been responsible for the training and supervision of the nurse therapists in the supportive listening arm. These two colleagues are employed by the trial and were not involved in the design of the protocol. They are happy to be acknowledged.

Table 1
Table 1 has been reoriented in portrait.

Table and Figure Legends
Table 1 does not have a legend, but its title has been moved to the end of the reference section. The title for Figure 1 has also been placed at the end of the reference section.

References
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