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Title: A pilot study to assess the feasibility and impact of a brief motivational intervention on problem drug and alcohol use in adult mental health inpatient units: study protocol for a randomised controlled trial

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Dear Laura

Thank you for your email. In response to each of you queries:-

Please find attached copies of the original funding and ethics documentation, it confirms;

- that the documentation refers to the correct study and we can tell which body granted the approvals – please see attached documentation

- that full ethical approval has been given (i.e. not with conditions) - please see attached documentation

- if funding is external (from a government/research organisation) - Yes it is from the National Institute for Health Research - please see attached documentation

• Please ensure the title conforms to journal style for study protocol articles. The title should follow the format “_________: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial.” Yes, now modified - see pg 1.

• Please clearly confirm in the Methods section that you had all necessary consent from any patients involved in the study, including consent to participate in the study, where appropriate. If no consent was needed please clearly state this in the Methods section. This has been further clarified in the description provide on page 12 in the first paragraph. It has also been added into pg 9 lines 3-4.
• Please include the date of trial registration, after the trial number. Yes, now modified –see pg 5.
• Please include a list of abbreviations used in the manuscript and their meanings, after the conclusion. Yes, now included – see Pg. 20
• Please ensure any funding information is included in the acknowledgments section and removed from other areas of the manuscript. Yes, now modified – see pg. 21

In addition to these formatting changes, can you please clarify that your study is currently recruiting new patients? Yes, now modified –see pg 9.

I have now modified the manuscript accordingly and submitted a revised version. Thank you.

Best wishes

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