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We would like to thank the editors for re-considering the protocol.

In the light of the editorial view that this is an important study, we have revised the manuscript to include the evidence base for the WISE approach and so demonstrate that the trial is implementing proven practice. The paper now includes a summary of the development and research of the approach that took place over a number of years and includes references to the four randomised controlled trials and the embedded qualitative and cost effectiveness studies.