Author's response to reviews

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Dear Implementation Science Editorial Team and Referees,

Thank you for taking the time to consider our manuscript, “Developing programme theory for purveyor programmes” for the second time. Your detailed feedback was valuable and much appreciated. We have revised the manuscript based on the comments made by the reviewer and include detailed responses to her various concerns in this letter.

Reviewer 2:
Major Compulsory Revision

- Upon re-reading the reviewer’s comments about the definitions of purveyor and intermediary organizations, we realised that the NGO we describe in the paper is something of a hybrid. That is, if we read the definitions given in the literature the reviewer recommended closely, we see elements of both in the organisation. In the end we decided to go with an emphasis on the Fixsen group’s definition (i.e. calling it a purveyor organisation – also in the Brekke et al.’s paper), but to make this dilemma explicit in the paper. We also revised the definition of intermediary organisations to ensure that it is in line with the terminology of the article written by Robert Franks. Please look at pp. 3 – 5 to see how this has been done.
- We followed the advice of the referee and added an endnote to the manuscript in which we provide an example of some prominent intermediary organisations and purveyors.

Minor Details

- We added the recommended website to reference nr. 7.
- Organisation was changed to organization.

Based on the reviewer’s remaining concerns with regards to the quality of language we had an editor review our final manuscript. If you have any remaining concerns do not hesitate to contact the corresponding author. We hope that you will now find the manuscript ready for publication.

Best regards,
The authors
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