Reviewer’s report

Title: Development of an education campaign to reduce delays in pre-hospital response to stroke

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The manuscript authors have comprehensively addressed my queries.

I have one final query. The authors give a good rationale for the <2 hour cut-off in this study. Given that the intervention will be tested in an RCT (NCT1881152), it may be worth highlighting in the limitations section the limiting nature of the 2 hour cut-off.

As an aside, could I make a suggestion to the research group that the more frequently used cut-off of <3.5/4 hours be applied in the RCT study, to keep in line with updated clinical guidelines for thrombolysis. With extended criteria for for use of thrombolysis and the growing inclusion of thrombectomy in treatment for ischaemic stroke, <2 hours is restrictive and would be viewed as contrary/outdated to clinical guidelines.

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