Reviewer’s report

Title: Implementation of Gestational Weight Gain Guidelines - what's more effective for ensuring weight recording in pregnancy?

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Overall this is a really interesting project examining staff behaviour change and implementation of guidelines. Although the current paper just presents the outcomes in terms of the actual recording of weight measurements I am keen to read more about how the implementation science aspect was conducted and would be very interested to see how this change in practice impacts on clinical outcomes and the women themselves.

The paper itself is fairly easy to read and understand. I only have a few minor comments which I think could easily be addressed.

1. Page 4 line 95, b) 'staff in-services', what does this refer to? I presume in service training?

2. Matrix is first mentioned on page 5 line 113 but you don't explain what this is until line 118. Maybe move the explanation to the first reference to Matrix?

3. Table 1, Are the pp weights all really 63.0 with almost the same SD?

Just an observation, the women in Australia seem to book late (around 20 weeks), how accurate is the PP weight? I'm sure a lot of women would have been guessing?

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