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Thank you for your feedback.

In response to Editorial Comments:

1) Abstract: please provide the date of trial registration alongside the registration number. The 18th February 2015 has now been inserted as requested.

2) Author contributions: please advise the contribution of Christopher Bailey as he does not appear in the list of contributors. He is included within 'All' in terms of being part of the consortium that applied for funding and in reviewing drafts of the paper.

Reviewer No 1 Feedback:

1) Spelling error on page 17, line 392 - "willing" is missing an 'l'. - amended on line 400.

2) There remain several abbreviations and acronyms in the main text of the manuscript that I believe should be spelled out in full the first time they are used in the main text. The remaining ones I can finds are:

- SAIATU on page 6, line 137 - I have consulted the protocol for this study and it
is known just as SAIATU http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-684X/12/3

- MRC on page 7, line 150 - amended to read Medical Research Council.

- INSPIRE on page 7, line 154 - This has already been addressed in the title.

- RCT on page 7, line 163 (then can use 'RCT' alone on page 11, lines 231-2) -
  CONSORT on page 11, line 243 - this has been addressed earlier in line 56/57

- SPICT on page 13, line 289 - Amended to include Supportive & Palliative Care
  Indicators Tool

3) Did the authors intend to remove the letters "MORE" attached to "care" on
page 19, line 440? No, this is an error. MORE has been replaced.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this paper.

Dr Kathleen McLoughlin

on behalf of the INSPIRE team.