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Title: No one's playing ball: A study of knowledge exchange in public health partnerships

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Dear Benny Yau,

Please find below our responses to the editor comments/essential revisions in red:

1. Unfortunately, BMC does not accept boxes for publication. Please remove Box 1 and include the information in a different format.

Thank you, we have removed Box 1 and the cross reference to Box 1. I have added a new subheading called ‘Study context, Health in the ‘City’ ‘. See page 4

Health in the ‘City’

Prior to and during the implementation of CHIP, the health of people who live in the City was worse than that for England overall. There were higher rates of smoking during pregnancy, more early deaths from cancer, a significantly greater proportion of obese adults and obese children,
and significantly lower rates of physical activity among adults. There was therefore a need to increase healthy lifestyle behaviours in City. As one part of a multi-method evaluation of CHIP.6

The name of this city has been anonymised to maintain confidentiality.

2. Please include the full name of the ethics committee (and the institute to which it belongs to) that approved the study and the committee’s reference number if appropriate.

Thank you, we have included the full name of the ethics committee that approved the study and the reference number. ‘Ethical approval was granted by the University of Warwick Biomedical Research Ethics Committee on the 6th February 2012 reference no.128/07/2011AM01’. See page 4

3. Please make sure the abstract follows the format outlined in our submission guidelines. Please make sure the submission data is also updated with any abstract changes.

Thank you, we have amended the abstract in the manuscript and in the submission data to follow the format outlines in the submission guidelines. The abstract is 339 words.

4. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

Thank you, we have removed all of the above and will submit one document, plus one figure.

Kind regards

Amy Grove

PP Rebecca Johnson who is currently on maternity leave