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Title: PROPEL: Implementation of an evidence based pelvic floor muscle training intervention for women with pelvic organ prolapse: a Realist Evaluation and outcomes study protocol

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Dear Editor

Please find the response to your comments on our manuscript below. If you have any further comments or requirements, please let me know.

Kind regards
1. Funding

PROPEL is funded and supported by the National Institute for Health Research, Health Services and Delivery Research Programme (Award No: 14-04-02). NIHR peer-reviewed this protocol prior to awarding the funding.

2. Study status

The PROPEL study is ongoing; the researchers remain in the data collection phase for both the realist evaluation and the outcomes study.

3. Related Articles

No results from this study have been published or submitted to any journal.

4. Please include a statement on consent to participate in the “Ethics approval and consent to participate” section of the Declarations. This statement has been amended within the manuscript.

The study has been reviewed and approved by the NHS Wales Research Ethics Committee 7, REC number 15/WA/0427. All participants in both the realist evaluation and outcomes study provide written informed consent.

5. Trial registration

This study is not a trial and therefore has not been registered on a trial database. It is however registered on the NIHR Central Portfolio Management System (CPMS) database; Registration number: CPMS ID 31660

6. Author’s contributions. This has been updated within the manuscript.

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