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Dear Editor,

We are grateful for the Editor’s helpful comments and suggestions. We address the comments in our revised manuscript, and provide a point-by-point response to each of the concerns. We have used track changes in the manuscript to highlight our revisions and included page numbers to relate the comments back to these visible changes. We hope that you will find the revisions satisfactory.

On behalf of all authors,

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Drew
Editorial note: Prof Anne Elizabeth Rogers

We thank the Editor for their helpful comments and suggestions. On the basis of the comments we have made the following change to the manuscript.

1. I do think there needs to be recognition of the recent empirical studies which have also applied NPT to the application and mechanics of NPT in research. These articles may have been published since this was first drafted and applied to professional action which is central to the arguments and analysis here. The latter inclusion of relevant literature would act to locate the current study within substantive recent empirical contributions.

Author response and action:
Thank you for this valuable comment. We agree that a recognition of recent studies would help to locate this study within previous contributions in the field. We have therefore added the following information to the Introduction (page 4, paragraph 2):

“Previous iterations were originally used to explore professional action in the implementation of interventions in telehealth and e-health[25-27] but their application has since broadened to include a range of services across primary and secondary care[28-31]. The theories are also increasingly being applied to care settings from outside of the UK[28, 32, 33]. However, to our knowledge this is the first study to use extended Normalization Process Theory.”