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Dear Ms McGavin,

We would like to thank the Associate Editor for assessing our manuscript and for making the helpful suggestions. We hope that the changes we made have served to improve the content and presentation of the submission.

The formatting request referring to the names of R&D departments have been addressed. Thus, the ethical approval statement in the Methods section currently reads “The following local Research and Development departments of NHS Trusts and Health Boards after being presented with the aforementioned approval agreed to host the study; the Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust Research and Innovation Office, the Greater Manchester West Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust Research and Development Office, the Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust Quality Assurance, Research and Innovation Unit, the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust Research Department, the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Academic Unit, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust Research and Development Department, the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust Research and Development Office, the UCL/UCLH Joint Research Office, the North Central London Research Consortium, the South London and Maudsley/IoPPN Research and Development Office, the NHS Lothian Academic and Clinical Central Office for Research and Development, the NHS Fife Research and Development Resource Centre and the Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation NHS Trust Research and Development Department.”

Thank you very much for considering our article and for your help. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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