Author’s response to reviews

Title: The Transition from University to Work: what happens to Mental Health? A longitudinal study

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Action taken: all changes due to the reviewers comments are in bold letters. Where the text is edited by a native English speaker, track changes is used.

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Action taken: we have followed the Instructions for Authors. In line with this the aim is moved to the Background section, both in abstract and main text and subheadings have been removed from the Background section (Page 2, lines 16 -21; page 8/9, lines 107 – 112)

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Reviewer reports:
(Reviewer 1):
Dear Author
It is suggested to write the limitations of your study.

Action taken: As a “results-free manuscript” this section was omitted but will be included if accepted for publication

(Reviewer 2): This is an important piece of work, but is written poorly. I would recommend that the authors persist in getting it published though. It requires significant editing before publication and I
have given just some examples below. The document would benefit from additional restructuring. There are clear language translation issues and significant editing is required. Action taken: The manuscript has been edited by a native English speaker to correct these issues.

Title - title is not right - change to 'what happens to Mental Health?' Action taken: Page 1, line 2: The title has been changed as suggested.

Abstract:
48 Change 'Totally,' to In total,
Action taken: Page 2, line 23: This has been changed to “A total of…”.

51 and 56 Change times to time points
Action taken: P 2, line 23 and 24: This sentence has been changed from “…both times..” to “…both the end of their study programs and 3 years into their professional lives”

Page 4 line 56 - worth mentioning the instruments referred to here.
Action taken: Page 5, lines 47 -48: The instruments are mentioned as suggested

Page 5 line 4 change 'hundreds of' to Many Numbers should use comma's as they are not separated by a full stop.
Action taken: Page 5, line 50: This has been changed to “Many studies…” partly as suggested. This needs to be corrected throughout the document.
Action taken: The whole document is edited by native English speaker

The author talks about this study as being from England, but they should state that it is from the UK. I provide a link to the report referenced: 12. Royal College of Psychiatrists. The mental health of students in higher education. https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/files/pdfversion/CR166.pdf
Action taken: Page 6, line 63: We agree and have done as suggested.

Page 6: line 4 change British to UK
Action taken: Page 6, lines 64 . 67: We have removed “British” from the manuscript.

Page 6: line 9 change The Norwegian the study to The Norwegian study
Action taken: Page 6. Line 68: This sentence was changed from “The Norwegian study..” to “The 2010 and 2014 Norwegian studies of student’s….”.

Page 6: line 24 - it would be useful to state the male comparison here
Action taken: Page 6. Line 72 – 73: We have added this as suggested.

Page 6 - line 25 This does not make sense that the studies have not been completed longitudinally when you are citing changes of students over time, as in the previous sentence when you cite women changing from 16 to 25%? "Neither of these studies have been completed longitudinally".
Action taken: Page 6, line 72: We understand that this section is unclear; therefore, we have re-written the sentence as follows: “……from 16% in 2010 to 25% in 2014, compared to 9% and 12%, respectively, for men. Both studies were cross-sectional.”

Page 6 line 28. This statement needs to have some references.
Action taken: Page 6, line 75: We can understand this. However, the subsequent sentences
include the references. To clarify this connection, we have combined the sentences: “...students, and the…”

Page 7 line 14. This statement needs to have a reference.
  Action taken: Page 7, line 86: We can understand this. It is the same reference in the two sentences prior, reference 19; therefore, we have combined the sentences.

Page 7 - line 17 Change from to the society - to society
  Action taken: Page 7, line 86: This was changed as suggested

Page 7 line 48 JDC - acronym needs spelling out (as stated later on page 11 line 22)
  Action taken: Page 8, line 97: This was changed as suggested

Page 8 line 31 - the aims of the study seem misplaced - in the method?
  Action taken: Page 2, line 16 – 21; page 8/9, lines 107 – 112: We moved this paragraph to before the methods. The same has been done in the abstract.

Page 9 line 12 changes persons to people
  Action taken: Page 9, Line 119: This has been changed as suggested.

Page 9 line 36 two brackets used for references and they seem too many? [7, 8, 29-31]. [22, 24, 32]
  Action taken: Page 9, line 126: You are correct, and the second one was removed. Ref # 32 is included in the bracket.

Page 10 line 4 change severity, then, can be placed on one axis to 'severity can then be placed on one axis'
  Action taken: Page 10, line 133: This has been changed as suggested.

Page 11 and 12 line 58 and 4 respectively: change educations to education
  Action taken: Page 12, line 165: This has been changed as suggested

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