Reviewer’s report

Title: Right from the start: protocol for a pilot study for a randomised trial of the New Baby Programme for improving outcomes for children born to socially vulnerable mothers

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Reviewer: Jacqueline Barnes

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This study is well designed and well presented. It is important to gather more information about ways to both offer support to potentially vulnerable parents and also how to best evaluate such interventions. There is evidence that studies can be seriously impaired by problems in recruitment, especially when starting in pregnancy. It will also be interesting to know how acceptable the CARE index and the Strange Situation procedures are to the study participants.

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