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Dear Aimee

What might help and hinder new mothers in disclosing unwanted harm thoughts about their infant?

Outcome: Full Approval

The panel would like to thank you for your submission and we are pleased to offer you Full approval with comments for consideration:

- Pg. 28, Screening Questionnaire, not clear why the question, “What is the age of your youngest child?” is included. It does not seem to relate to anything in participant inclusion / exclusion criteria. Please consider this and review with your supervisor.
- Please consider providing a debrief sheet to those who have been ‘excluded’ from the research (by dint of having no support network) – clearly explaining the reason for the exclusion and with recommendations for support should they wish to access any.
- Please consider whether participating in the research could exacerbate the condition of the participants, and include due attention to this in the debrief sheet provided.
- The use of the term ‘common’ when referring to women harming their children could be alarming, though the panel understands that this may be an attempt to provide a ‘non-judgemental’ stance to the potential participants. It may be worth reviewing that term, and whether this is another that could serve the same purpose.

The panel would also like to recommend that personal professional indemnity insurance is seriously considered, as institutional and employer insurance primarily aims to cover the employer and/or institution.

We look forward to receiving a short report on progress and outcome on completion of the research, in order to complete our file. The report should be the same one that is provided to your participants. Please note that any changes of substance to the research will need to be notified to us so that we can ensure continued appropriate ethical process.

We wish you well with your study and hope that you enjoy carrying it out.

Yours sincerely,



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