**Additional file 2. Standards for Reporting Implementation Studies: the StaRI checklist**

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| **Checklist item** | **Reported on page #** | **Implementation Strategy** |  **Reported on page #** | **Intervention** |
|  |  | “Implementation strategy” refers to how the intervention was implemented |  | “Intervention” refers to the healthcare or public health intervention that is being implemented. |
| **Title and abstract** |
| Title | **1** | 1 | Identification as an implementation study, and description of the methodology in the title and/or keywords |
| Abstract | **2** | 2-3 | Identification as an implementation study, including a description of the implementation strategy to be tested, the evidence-based intervention being implemented, and defining the key implementation and health outcomes. |
| **Introduction** |
| Introduction | **3** | 3-4 | Description of the problem, challenge or deficiency in healthcare or public health that the intervention being implemented aims to address. |
| Rationale | **4** | 4, figures 1 and 2 | The scientific background and rationale for the implementation strategy (including any underpinning theory/framework/model, how it is expected to achieve its effects and any pilot work). | n/a – pilot study | The scientific background and rationale for the intervention being implemented (including evidence about its effectiveness and how it is expected to achieve its effects). |
| Aims and objectives | **5** | 4 | The aims of the study, differentiating between implementation objectives and any intervention objectives. |
| **Methods: description** |
| Design | **6** | 5-8 | The design and key features of the evaluation, (cross referencing to any appropriate methodology reporting standards) and any changes to study protocol, with reasons |
| Context | **7** | 5 | The context in which the intervention was implemented. (Consider social, economic, policy, healthcare, organisational barriers and facilitators that might influence implementation elsewhere). |
| Targeted ‘sites’ | **8** | 5 | The characteristics of the targeted ‘site(s)’ (e.g locations/personnel/resources etc.) for implementation and any eligibility criteria. | 5 | The population targeted by the intervention and any eligibility criteria. |
| Description | **9** | 5-6, figures 1 and 2 | A description of the implementation strategy | 6 | A description of the intervention |
| Sub-groups | **10** | n/a | Any sub-groups recruited for additional research tasks, and/or nested studies are described |
| **Methods: evaluation** |
| Outcomes | **11** | 6-8 (midwives behaviour) | Defined pre-specified primary and other outcome(s) of the implementation strategy, and how they were assessed. Document any pre-determined targets | n/a reported elsewhere | Defined pre-specified primary and other outcome(s) of the intervention (if assessed), and how they were assessed. Document any pre-determined targets |
| Process evaluation | **12** | 6-8 (SCT constructs) | Process evaluation objectives and outcomes related to the mechanism by which the strategy is expected to work |
| Economic evaluation | **13** | n/a pilot study | Methods for resource use, costs, economic outcomes and analysis for the implementation strategy | n/a pilot study | Methods for resource use, costs, economic outcomes and analysis for the intervention |
| Sample size | **14** | 5 | Rationale for sample sizes (including sample size calculations, budgetary constraints, practical considerations, data saturation, as appropriate) |
| Analysis | **15** | 8-9 | Methods of analysis (with reasons for that choice) |
| Sub-group analyses | **16** | n/a | Any a priori sub-group analyses (e.g. between different sites in a multicentre study, different clinical or demographic populations), and sub-groups recruited to specific nested research tasks |
| **Results** |
| Characteristics | **17** | 9-10, table 1, additional file 5 | Proportion recruited and characteristics of the recipient population for the implementation strategy | n/a reported elsewhere | Proportion recruited and characteristics (if appropriate) of the recipient population for the intervention |
| Outcomes | **18** | 12-13, table 3, additional file 8 | Primary and other outcome(s) of the implementation strategy | n/a reported elsewhere | Primary and other outcome(s) of the Intervention (if assessed) |
| Process outcomes | **19** | 11-13, table 2 and 3, additional file 8 | Process data related to the implementation strategy mapped to the mechanism by which the strategy is expected to work |
| Economic evaluation | **20** | n/a pilot study | Resource use, costs, economic outcomes and analysis for the implementation strategy | n/a pilot study | Resource use, costs, economic outcomes and analysis for the intervention |
| Sub-group analyses | **21** | n/a | Representativeness and outcomes of subgroups including those recruited to specific research tasks |
| Fidelity/ adaptation | **22** | n/a reported elsewhere | Fidelity to implementation strategy as planned and adaptation to suit context and preferences | n/a | Fidelity to delivering the core components of intervention (where measured) |
| Contextual changes | **23** | n/a | Contextual changes (if any) which may have affected outcomes |
| Harms | **24** | n/a | All important harms or unintended effects in each group |
| **Discussion** |
| Structured discussion | **25** | 13-16 | Summary of findings, strengths and limitations, comparisons with other studies, conclusions and implications |
| Implications | **26** | 14 and 16-17 (research implications only, pilot study | Discussion of policy, practice and/or research implications of the implementation strategy (specifically including scalability) | n/a | Discussion of policy, practice and/or research implications of the intervention (specifically including sustainability) |
| **General** |
| Statements | **27** | 17 | Include statement(s) on regulatory approvals (including, as appropriate, ethical approval, confidential use of routine data, governance approval), trial/study registration (availability of protocol), funding and conflicts of interest |