**Figure 1: Flowchart of participants’ progress through the trial.**

N= 41 participants referred

11 declined to be screened

1 excluded as no current persecutory delusion

1 excluded as in other CBT

1 excluded as admitted to hospital

1 excluded as unable to leave home (so couldn’t attend group)

1 died before screening

N= 25 assessed for eligibility

12 were excluded

7 had no current persecutory delusion

1 had insufficient capacity to consent

4 were suitable but declined to participate

N= 13 completed baseline (T0) measures and randomised

n=6 allocated to waiting list control (CG)

n=7 allocated to immediate worry reduction CBT intervention group

(WG)

n=7 completed T1 measures

(start of group)

n=6 completed T1 measures

n=1 lost to follow-up

n=6 completed T2 measures

n=6 completed T2 measures

(end of group)

n=7 completed T3 measures (1 month follow-up)

n=6 completed T3 measures

n=6 analyses

(0 excluded from analysis)

n=7 analysed

(0 excluded from analysis)