

Reviewer's report

Title: Decision aids for respite service choices by carers of people with dementia: development and pilot RCT

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Reviewer: Ian Rothera

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Decision aids for community service choices by carers of people with dementia: a mixed method evaluation

In response to my comments and those of the second peer reviewer, the authors have made amendments to their original submission and have provided a list of the changes made.

I have read the new manuscript and compared the amendments against my original comments. I have also read the paper with a view to how well it 'flows' and whether it is easier to read compared with the original.

The authors have satisfactorily addressed all my comments. They have included more detail and description in the Methods section on design and rationale, sampling and data collection and analysis. They have acknowledged that a follow up study would help address some of the limitations of the current study regarding sample size and interpretation of findings, and present information of the numbers required in follow up to achieve statistical significance.

The authors appear to have addressed the comments raised by the second reviewer. They have restructured the manuscript which makes it easier to read and understand the linkages and timelines between the two stages.

In light of the revisions made, I have no hesitation in recommending the paper for publication in your journal.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests