Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Fredrik A. Walby

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The authors have revised the manuscript or clarified issues according to all my previous comments. The concept of “lay-expert” is better defined, although I still wish they would use a better term such as for instance “experienced service users”. I have no further comments.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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