Reviewer's report

Title: Regional differences in multidimensional aspects of health: findings from the MRC Cognitive Function and Ageing study

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General
The revision of the manuscript is adequate.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Abstract: line 5 and 6: please delete this sentence.
lines 15-17 (starting with 'The prevalence...' move this sentence to 'results'. Clarify the direction of the relationship with sex (it now reads 'increases with sex'.
p. 3 Introduction second paragraph: delete the sentence about compression of morbidity.
p. 4 second line: write DFLE in full as the abbreviation is first mentioned there.
p. 9 discussion second line: 'healthy active life expectancy', why 'active'?

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'