Reviewer's report

Title: Modelling the landscape of palliative care for people with dementia: a European mixed methods study

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Minor essential revision 1
p12 - Specialists mentioned are not inclusive or the full MDT. So mention of other allied health such as OT, physio, speech, or pharmacists or pastoral care workers. Also in this section. The comment bereavement is experienced by all, I think anticipatory grief and bereavement would be more appropriate. This is mentioned a few times in the document. In Figure 3 it lists grief, loss and bereavement which is more appropriate.

Major compulsory revision 1
I don't feel figure 4 and 5 are particularly useful or helpful. I think a clearer definition both in the figure and the document is required of quality indicators related to outcome, process and structure. Given the extent of the literature review and synthesis it would be helpful from this to provide specific examples in Figure 4 rather than the generic list. THE LCP is a process of care not an outcome an itself, although you can audit the use of a LCP as outcome. Advance care planning is not featured in either figure.

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.