Reviewer's report

Title: Rethinking Patient-hood: Workload, Capacity and Burden of Treatment

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Overall, this is a fairly well-written conceptual piece by a team that has published extensively in this area. The framework they describe is particularly useful when considering the problem of how best to redesign care systems to improve the care of complex patients. The authors pull together different areas of the literature and provide a patient perspective.

Minor essential revisions.

Figure 1: Honestly, I couldn't entirely follow the logic of the circular arrow flows. How does the right-most concept in each figure feed back directly to the leftmost "starting" concept?

Final sentence: "we have offered an alternative...which is a "partnership" approach". This is an overly grandiose statement, as healthcare partnerships have been advocated by many others, most clearly and influentially by Wagner's chronic care model.

Minor Essential revisions:
Discussion, first para: what are "rationalizing impulses"?

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'