Reviewer’s report

Title: Development of an awareness-based intervention to enhance quality of life in severe dementia: trial platform

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Reviewer: Simon Gilbody

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Thank you for asking me to peer review this trial protocol.

This is an interesting trial of a complex intervention to improve the quality of care and outcomes for people with dementia (and their carers).

The study follows the developmental phases of the MRC complex interventions framework and phase 3 is a pilot trial.

The manuscript is suitable for publication, subject to the addition of a CONSORT style flow diagram for Phase 3.

1. Will the study design adequately test the hypothesis?
   Yes

2. Are sufficient details provided to allow replication of the work or comparison with related analyses: if not, what is missing?
   Needs a CONSORT flow diagram

3. Is the planned statistical analysis appropriate?
   Yes

4. Is the writing acceptable?
   Very well described

Quality of written English: Acceptable