Reviewer’s report

Title: The Year of Care approach: developing a model and delivery programme for care and support planning in long term conditions within general practice

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Reviewer: Michelle Howard

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. This paper presents a clear description of an exemplary initiative. This program tackles the current challenges in primary care for providing care that is meaningful to people with long term and multiple conditions and is therefore highly relevant to the journal readership. This paper builds on a body of research on this program. The description of the history, theory, and implementation provided me with a clear understanding of the process and how and why it evolved in the way it did and why it is likely to be successful in the future. The authors are realistic about the implications of the evaluations to date, the potential benefits, and areas that need further investigation. The paper provides a good overview of a model that was carefully developed using theory and incorporating practical issues from lived experience, and it also provides concrete information about implementation issues that would be of interest to a wide variety of readers of BMC Family Practice. I found the description to be very inspirational with respect to the potential for health care to truly meet the needs of patients. The description is also scholarly and rigorous and the writing is exemplary. The tables and figures are relevant and useful for understanding.

Minor suggestions:
1) Indicate earlier in the paper who the program targets and provide some context about primary care practice in the U.K., especially in terms of the organization and typical resources. Pg 6 line 124 notes that the program involves 'primary care communities' which is somewhat vague. It was only on pg 8 and onward that I understood the program was undertaken in GP practices which seem to have nurses.
2) Consider indicating that the setting is primary care or GP practices in the title of the paper
3) Provide further information on the resourcing of the YOPC team for other jurisdictions who are considering adopting this model. What are the recommendations for creating this capacity?

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