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Reviewer: Frances Bunn (7.1.15)

Thank you for sending me the revised manuscript. The authors have made a number of revisions to the paper which has addressed most of my previous points. I do have a few additional comments which are detailed below.

Minor essential revisions

1. Methodological approach. The authors need to be clear about whether this was a systematic review or a literature review. The title suggests this is a literature review but on a couple of occasions in the paper the authors refer to it as a systematic review (third para in background and limitations section of the discussion). Whilst the authors have obviously been very systematic in their approach I am not sure it is appropriate to call it a systematic review.

2. Methods I appreciate that in my previous comments I asked for more details on the methods. However on pages 4 & 5 I think the authors have now included some unnecessary detail. I was more concerned that they were clear if this was a systematic review, rapid review or literature review etc. I think some of the detail about the review proforma and how it was used could be deleted.

Desirable revisions

1. Background – the background is much improved. It reads well but I did wonder if it is now a bit too long!

2. Inclusion criteria. The authors have given more information about what they mean by care at home. I still wonder if this information would be better in the methods section under the heading inclusion criteria.

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests