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Title: Informal Carers' Perspectives on the Delivery of Acute Hospital Care for Patients with Dementia: A Systematic Review

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1. Page 4 L83-6 - capitalising the first letter of each described component of the VIPS framework would help to show that this is the 'definition' of the acronym

Thank you, this has been updated as you suggest.

2. P4 L 86-7 - If 'in the hospital setting' was in parenthesis, the sentence might be clearer

Thank you, this has been updated as you suggest.

3. Page 6 typo L36 - 'about' should be 'out'

Thank you, this has been corrected.

4. Page 7 L 153 - the references for these seven papers should be provided to add clarity for the reader

Thank you, this has been added.

5. Page 10 L 222-3 - tense is inconsistent

Thank you, this has been corrected.
6. Page 13, L 301 - reference needed after 'falls'.

This was referring to the references at the end of the previous sentence, so I have merged the two sentences with a colon to make it clear.

7. Page 16, L 361 - The comment about included studies actually refers to the number of papers, which is not the same thing. Suggest rewording.

Thank you, this has been reworded to ‘papers’ instead of ‘included studies’.

8. Page 16, line 380 - apostrophe needed for 'relatives'

Thank you, this has been corrected.

9. Page 17, L392 - recognises should be 'recognise'

Thank you, this has been corrected.

10. Page 19, L433 - sentence would be clearer if 'carers' was used instead of 'they'

Thank you, this has been updated as you suggest.

11. Figure 1 - please review figures in the bottom right hand-box for accuracy

Thank you for finding this error, one article had been missed and is now included in the count in the diagram.

12. Please consider either retitling Figure 2 or clarifying that it refers to communication and information sharing with carers and carers' relationships with hospital staff (see 'staff interactions')

The information in the diagram has been clarified, and the headings in the main text updated to match.