Reviewer’s report

Title: Better Palliative Care for people with a Dementia: Summary of Interdisciplinary Workshop Highlighting Current Gaps and Recommendations for Future Research

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Abstract

The "results" section contains no results. It is (as is evident in the full paper) a description of the research methods.

Authors

Dr Dening has been given Prof Irving's email address, her own is missing

Results

It is difficult to read the recommendations of the Priority Partnership Project (line 130) and the European JPND (line 140) as sentences of text, they would be better presented as tables as would the Consensus document (line 154)

"The experience of dementia can be considered as a life-long journey affecting every one of us in one 174 way or another." (Line 173).

I find this assertion misleading, it devalues the profound sense of shock which is felt when a diagnosis of dementia is made. Although "we all know someone with dementia" many people go through life believing it will never happen to them.

I was unable to comprehend Hodges Health Career model from the account presented, I was unable to access the references cited from the material included (ref 27). This is not new original research, I would suggest that this section is truncated and simply cited as potentially interesting theoretical tool.
Line 210-211 "social" and "psychosocial" are tautologous

Proxy decision making (lines 228-238)

Ireland has pioneering new legislation designed to be compliant with UN CRPD, replacing proxy decision making with supported decisions. It is unfortunate that no attempt has been made to explore how this may affect people with dementia and their families.

Research topics

Oxleas service (lines 335-345) - these principles would be clearer in a table

Line 366 "token" not "tokenistic"

I can’t understand lines 370-374. I suggest you delete this sentence.

Lines 378 - 383 are speculative and lack clarity.

References

I had great difficulty accessing some of the citations, particularly for web based journals, this needs to be looked at.
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

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