Author’s response to reviews

Title: Multiple and Multi-dimensional life transitions in the context of life-limiting health conditions: Longitudinal study focussing on perspectives of Young Adults, Families and Professionals

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Dear Editor and Reviewers

Thanks for your feedback. We have revised the document in line with your feedback. Hope this meets your approval. I have uploaded a separate file where you can see our response in tabular form.

Yours sincerely

Divya Jindal-Snape

Reviewer 1

Revisions made

1). In the abstract you talk about the interviews being in 21 family members and 11 professionals, but in the text it is 21 in total i.e. 10 family members and 11 professionals - so this needs to be amended in the abstract. 2)
Thanks, changed.

2) The section on the literature review - has this been published anywhere that you can refer to - It needs to be clear that you are summarising a systematic review and not reporting on it as when I began reading it I was looking for more information re the systematic review, how you had done it etc. as it was not clear.

The literature review has been published and we have added a note in the bracket when it is first mentioned.

3) Page 18 line 34 should say her instead of here

Thanks, changed.

4) Page 30 line 5 - remove the word the so it reads It is important that all professionals...

Thanks, changed.

5) You need to put the references in the appropriate format for the journal - the guidelines say:"All references, including URLs, must be numbered consecutively, in square brackets, in the order in which they are cited in the text, followed by any in tables or legends. The reference numbers must be finalized and the reference list fully formatted before submission."

All changed in line with the journal requirement.

Reviewer 2

Page 2 Line 24 - suggest remove etc.

Thanks, changed.

There is an Author A frequently referened e.g. Line 41 page 2, and this does not correlate with the references.

References were removed for peer review purposes and have now been added.

The references are listed by author in the text, presumably in the final copy the referenced will be numbered.

All changed in line with the journal requirement.
It would be helpful if the authors described the age, sex and diagnosis of the patients. This could be done in a way that did not identify the patients.

Please see under ‘Participants’.

There is a high degree of cognitive impairment amongst young people with life limiting conditions. It seems the authors have interviewed patients where they were able to participate in interviews (some with communication difficulties). It would be helpful if the author's acknowledged this challenge.

Added to limitations section.

I suggest the conclusion (lines 34 - 57) on page 27 be the last paragraph of the manuscript.

Have revised but not sure the flow works now. Please check.

Technical Comments

1) Please include the title page within the main manuscript PDF.

Done.

2) Please include the email addresses for all authors on the title page. The corresponding author should still be indicated. Please also ensure all email addresses provided in the manuscript and the submission system match.

Added.

3) Please reformat your Abstract including all required sub-section as per our submission guidelines.

Done.

4) Please rename 'Introduction' to 'Background', and rename 'Methodology' to 'Methods'

Changed.

5) Declarations

Added.