Reviewer’s report

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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Overall a well written paper on an area that has not received significant research

Page 2 Line 24 - suggest remove etc.

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

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

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.

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 acknowleded this challenge.

Certainly the authors demonstrate the multi-dimensional life transitions that the patients have to negotiate.

The grief, guilt and care buden (and resilience) of family members (including grandparents and siblings) and health professionals was also articulated.

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

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