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Thank you for the opportunity to read this well-written and interesting paper. I thought it was very informative however I would suggest that the title is re-considered to reflect the focus on care homes since this term (or residential care or similar) might be helpful to readers. I also suggest that terms such as ‘self-funder’ might be explained to the benefit of readers unfamiliar with the UK system. Similarly Think Local Act Personal is a term that might well be unfamiliar to many readers.

For clarity’s sake the term ‘stakeholder’ is used to describe a wide range of people and ‘workshop attendees’ does not establish if the two terms are interchangeable. The terms ‘councils’ and ‘local authorities’ are also used and presumably refer to the same bodies.

Overall I found this article clear and logical in structure and would be interested to refer to it when considering the development stage of an innovation is social care. I hope these comments are helpful to the authors.