Reviewer's report

Title: Enabling Public, Patient and Practitioner Involvement in Co-Designing Frailty Pathways in the Acute Care Setting

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This is a well written paper that demonstrates the value of co-design in ensuring the voice of the consumer is central in care design. What is really interesting is that at the very core, fundamental care which includes good communication and attention to mobility, nutrition/hydration and continence is essential to good care.

It is unclear as to what are the consideration relating to cognitive. Does this come out at any time, perhaps in communication for example. As it is written, it appears that the focus was on signage rather than verbal communication. There is a mention relating to dementia only in the last line of the corresponding paragraph.

The next query is if the above findings are relevant only to the frail older person or is universal across all patient groups. This would be something that might be important to discuss.

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