Reviewer’s report

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Discretionary revision:

1) My one criticism is that it would have been good to see some examples of exactly how lay people improved the research. For example, exactly what different insights did they bring? How are these insights being used to improve practice? (There was some discussion about more emotional and empathetic viewpoints coming from a lay perspective, but it would have been nice to see some actual examples.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.