Reviewer's report

Title: A patient and public involvement (PPI) toolkit for meaningful and flexible involvement in clinical trials - a work in progress

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Abstract:

'busy trial teams' - the word busy implies they are too busy to do involvement - while they may have competing priorities, perhaps a more appropriate way of saying this could be 'teams with limited resources (including time) can use this resource and avoid a duplication of work' (similar to later comment)- or something slightly more concise than my suggestion! 'nothing about us without us' five centuries old - this is very interesting and perhaps deserves a citation? https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nothing_About_Us_Without_Us

Background:

'Toolkits for involving the public in NIHR Clinical Research Networks (CRNs) also exist' perhaps a reference to 'Building Research Partnerships' which is relevant to all kinds of research, including clinical trials could be cited? Otherwise, this statement isn't quite accurate. For example these links:

http://www.invo.org.uk/building-research-partnerships/
http://www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/blog/events/building-research-partnerships-workshop/
www.macmillan.org.uk/researchlearning
Discussion

ref 7 (going extra mile) is now a dead link - try this:

Conclusion

'Patient and public involvement in research is often surrounded by fears of tokenistic approaches (Buck 2014)' inconsistent reference format? 'and are not specific to clinical trials which operate under different 'rules' to other areas of research .By signposting' - missing space before 'By'

List of abbreviations - other papers have shifted this to the front - maybe more helpful there?

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