Reviewer’s report

Title: Formation of a type 1 diabetes young adult patient and public involvement panel to develop a health behaviour change intervention: the D1 Now Study

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I think this is well-written article on a really interesting project, but it could be much more strongly located in the literature on PPI generally, and currently does not include any references to the literature on PPI with children and young people (CYP) and CYP's involvement in health service development and delivery. It would be helpful to include some of this material in the introduction to create a context, and also in the discussion regarding how the learning from the project relates to the wider debates and discussions about CYP's involvement, child rights and participation and PPI more generally.

The authors say that they used the 'Galway model' but the only reference for this is a service website. If this is a unique model could a reference be provided? If the 'model' is just supporting young people's involvement through panels this should be made clear.

The plain English summary still contains quite a lot of jargon. Could some of the YAP members be involved in helping to make this more accessible and young people-friendly? It would also be great if some YAP members could contribute to the article in some way, for example by adding text boxes with quotations from the YP of their experience of being involved in the project. I appreciate that this may not be possible but, given that this is an article about YP's involvement, it would be really interesting to hear YAP members views.

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