Reviewer’s report

Title: Patient and public involvement in health literacy interventions: A mapping review

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Reviewer: Andrew Entwistle

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Please see attached version of submission for my detailed comments. In particular

1) I query the designation of '50 years' as 'old'. Some may be offended. Lifespan is increasing.

2) You should include validated evidence that health literacy declines in the elderly; chances are that if the elderly become ill, they will seek information to help resolve.

3) You should cite and discuss validated evidence that improved health literacy improves health outcomes; and when it makes little difference. It doesn't help that information from health professionals is sometime contradictory.

4) Little is mentioned about the huge change in the availability of health information on the internet; and whether this improves health literacy and health outcomes

5) You might mention that targeting health information on schoolchildren with the expectation that the health literacy would carry on through life, with an expectation of improved health outcomes.

6) The paper confuses 'participation' (receiving an intervention) with 'involvement' (involvement in the research process/team; not the intervention) See NIHR, INVOLVE, RIAE guidance

As regards language (see track changes docx) I work on the basis that English should be in a form that those whose mother language is not English will understand. 'Impact' should sometimes be 'effect or affect'

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