Reviewer’s report

Title: Involving young people in BRIGHTLIGHT from study inception to secondary data analysis: insights from 10 years of user involvement

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Reviewer: Max Williamson

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The lay review is superb - I have no amendments to make.

In the body of the paper, I can only make minor comments, again the quality of the writing is excellent.

Where author's initials are used (LAF, JSW etc.) are used, they are not clarified before the abbreviation. I would clarify, e.g 'Lorna A Fern (LAF)', as with any other abbreviation.

Line 142: I would like to see some more information on what the 'mentoring' work was for the CCG TYA nurses. This is a really important detail and I think it would help the argument if this was expanded upon, e.g 'The CCG were mentored by two TYA nurses, teaching them the basics of reading scientific papers...' or something to that effect.

Line 307: I think the sites which the YAP is publicised on (Facebook, twitter), should be named and 'used' rather than 'frequented'.

Line 318: (common in this cohort) is slightly informal. "(as is common in this cohort)" might be better.

Lines 468-469: I don't think this statistic is necessary, given that it was already mentioned in the retention strategy section (line 367).

I have no other comments to make; this was fantastic, and perfectly highlighted the importance of involving young people in PPIE.

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