Reviewer’s report

Title: Framework, principles and recommendations for utilising participatory methodologies in the co-creation and evaluation of public health interventions.

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Reviewer: Jane O'Hara

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript, which I found to be well-written and clear, and examining an issue which is of importance to the field of intervention development.

I do however, have some important concerns about the nature of the manuscript, which is the basis for my recommendation to the editors.

As it stands, I am unsure what the paper is? The authors describe case studies as the basis for their paper, but then only very briefly refer to them within the Results section. Further, if the findings are based upon these case studies, then the authors need to be transparent in their methods for deriving the recommendations and principles, to allow the reader to interrogate them appropriately.

The findings currently read more like a review article, which is what I think this paper would be better positioned as. Alternatively, the authors might want to use a robust analysis of the outlined case studies as the primary foundation for this work, and write it up as an empirical piece. At the moment, in my view it seems to falls between the two, and as such, I cannot recommend it for publication.

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