Reviewer’s report

Title: ‘What can I do that will most help researchers?’ A different approach to training the public at the start of their involvement in research.

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I encourage the author team to carry on with their work. The key issue with the paper is the lack of clarity and is detailed below. One central point is that the article is discussing a "different" approach to training patients and the public - without being explicit about what the training is different in relation to. As a non-UK based researcher I was not clear on what is in place now in the health system that the authors write about and whether there actually is even training available to patients and the public for their involvement in research. It would be great to be clear on the gap that the training in the paper addresses.

The paper has potential to make two important contributions 1) to describe the development of a training that asserts the expertise that patients/the public bring to research and 2) to describe an actual way to operationalize support to utilize the expertise that patients and the public bring to research (or - something along these lines as I am not too clear on the training details).

Well done taking initiative in the work presented in the paper and great that there are efforts being made to ensure that the work is being shared openly.

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