Reviewer's report

Title: ‘A group of totally awesome people who do stuff’ - A qualitative descriptive study of a children and young people’s patient and public involvement endeavour

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Reviewer: Amanda Bates

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I really enjoyed reading this paper. As you rightly pointed out, there is limited research about CYP and PPI so it was interesting to read about the experiences described in the article. I welcomed the reflections around the co-production opportunity and the importance of embedding evaluation methodology from the start. The use of the GRIPP checklist was a really useful and clear way to present the findings. Excellent links to the literature too.

It would be helpful to understand further why content analysis was used; justifications are made clear for the use of QD, and further clarity around why content analysis was chosen would be welcomed.

Noticed a typo in lines 121-122.

Long sentence in lines 409-414, consider re-working to aid comprehension?

Line 460 was unclear.

Lines 538-545 might work better in the methods section rather than towards the end of the article. I think it would make the methods process more transparent to the reader at an earlier point.

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