Reviewer’s report


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I think this is an interesting article that looks at an important area of how to involve young people in the development of technology to assist other young people with their mental health issues. You have highlighted the limitations, particularly the diversity of participants. The selection of samples shown in the table demonstrates this, particularly the 'English not first language', although in some case this could be seen as an advantage to make sure that language used is simpler and more precise.

The quotes from the workshop was particularly enlightening, which again imply that language used, has to be relevant and relatable, otherwise engagement long-term could prove difficult. From some comments, there could be some issues about the design and look of the products, therefore identifying ways that can make an interface adaptable or less likely to date over time could be a challenge.

Trust and privacy also is an issue highlighted, understanding how young people perceive the use of data and how any interface or product may be seen or identified by peers needs to be recognised, as highlighted by one focus group member, given the subject which the technology is hoping to support, should also not equally add to the issues users might face.

Overall. I feel that this is an interesting article, which raises and highlights important issue that others may find useful when developing e-platforms and the barriers and the need to be involving young people in the development of products, which are designed to help and support their demographic group.

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