THE VISION

- Illustrate our conceptual model for working in partnership with teenagers and young adults with cancer and their support network
- Bring together all the information available/needed for a young person to work with their team around them to identify and discuss individualised needs, plan what they want to do to address them and evaluate the outcomes
- Embed enablement of informed consent, shared decision making, self management and individualised care from diagnosis onwards
- Reflect/encapsulate how a diagnosis of cancer and its treatment may impact on all domains of a young person’s life at a time of developmental transition.

OBJECTIVE 1

The IAM has been embedded into the TYA MDAfT for 18 months and ensures efficient and effective psychosocial discussions occur. It also highlights any gaps in knowledge and generates actions for the TYA and site-specific teams.

OBJECTIVE 2

The IAM provides staff with guidance when assessing the needs of young people. It gives permission to ask difficult questions and reinforces to the young person that all of their needs are being considered.

OBJECTIVE 3

Develop a method to quantify the TYA patients level of need in each domain allowing evaluation and analysis, individual tracking, service development and impact of service.

OBJECTIVE 4 and NEXT STEPS

Develop IAM so that young people diagnose with cancer have a platform to identify their own unique and individual needs.

The development of an interactive ‘IAM app’ will allow patients better access to manage their support needs.