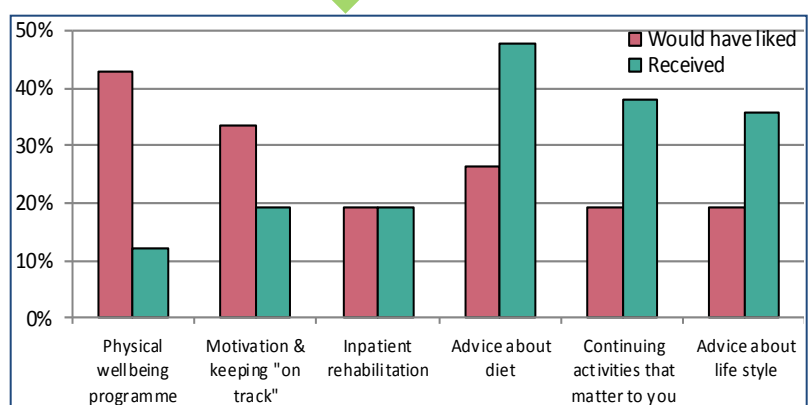
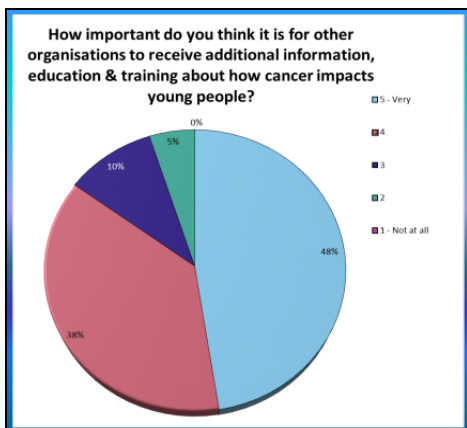
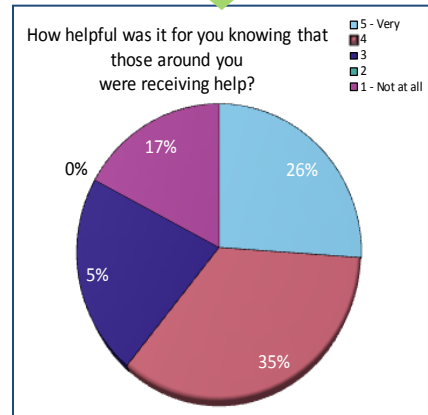
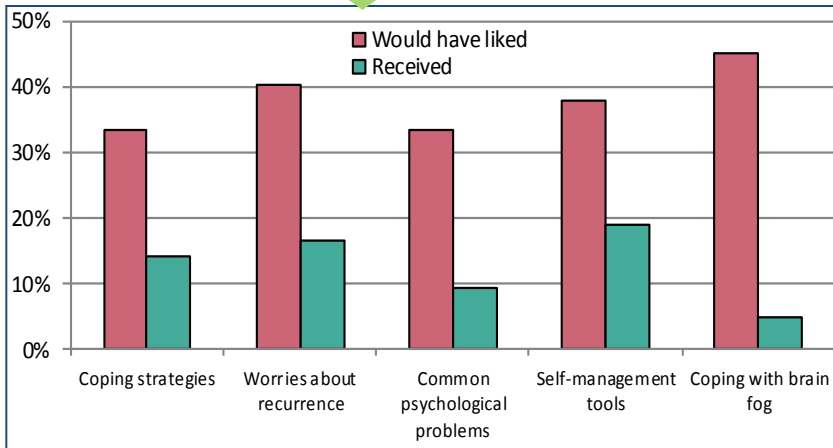
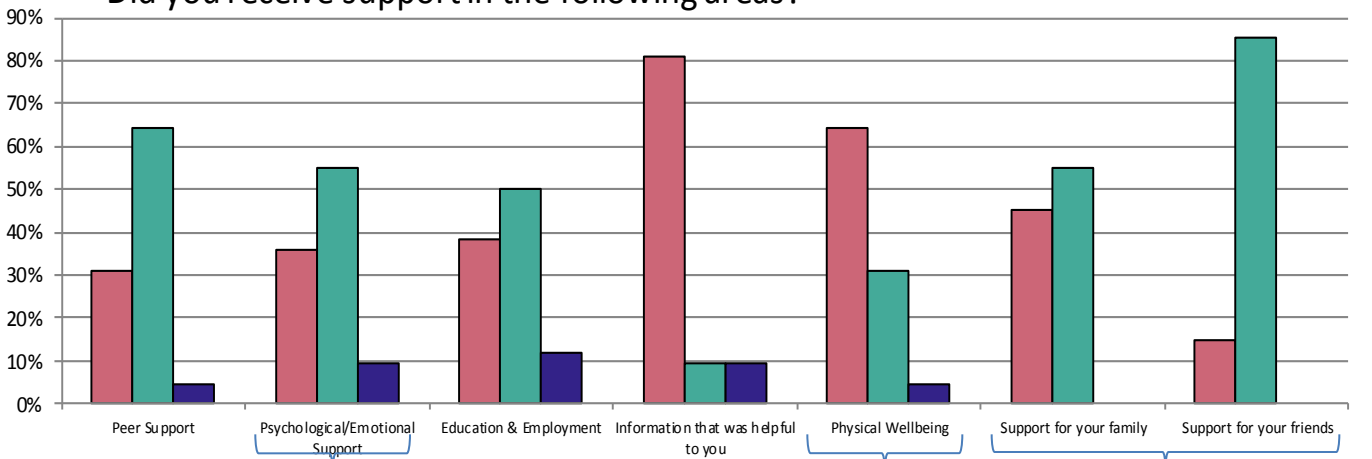


Current experiences of Teenagers and Young Adults (TYA) in South West England

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Questionnaires exploring needs and support were sent to 108 patients aged 15-24yr at diagnosis/recurrence of cancer, resident in south west England, and registered through the TYA multi-disciplinary advisory team (MDaT) process from 2009 onwards. Forty-two (39%) questionnaires were returned, and the findings were further explored through in-depth interviews (with six patients) and a focus group (with seven patients). 46% of respondents were female and 61% were aged between 15 and 18.

Did you receive support in the following areas?



Detailed understanding of TYA needs will allow identification and promotion/signposting of resources already available, and prioritisation of new approaches where needed. Key findings suggest that opportunities for peer and psychological support fail to match perceived needs; TYA want and need support for family and friends; and provision of wellbeing support is mismatched with needs and wants.