Case Study:

- 81 year old female with lung and bladder cancer referred from GP on for monthly palliative support which then increased to twice weekly for urostomy care.
- DN decided to test the IPOS tool with the patient and left a form for her to complete in her own time.
- The patient managed to complete the IPOS with the help of a relative.
- On the next visit the DN discussed the form with the patient during her visit. Previous unknown needs had been identified by using the IPOS tool.
- The IPOS tool has been used three times (including following an admission to hospital) and it continues to be a valuable tool for the patient to articulate what matters to her and identify uncontrolled and unmet needs.

Next Steps:

- The project is ongoing and we aim to continue and increase testing of the IPOS tool with the integrated primary care team including Practice Nurses.
- We continue to explore and develop IT solutions for the safe storage and accessibility of completed IPOS assessments. This includes the sharing of information across primary and secondary care services.
- Testing of a patient-held record is being planned to facilitate ownership of the information.