**Example advisory group role and engagement protocol**

**Prompt questions to think about when defining the role of young expert advisors and planning recruitment strategies**

* **What will the ROLE of young expert advisors be in your project?** Can you explain this clearly in a terms of reference or information sheet about the role?
* **What is the SCOPE of the young experts’ influence?** What areas of the project are you seeking their advice and expertise on? To what degree will their ideas decide or inform decision making about the project? Who else has a say in these decisions, and what might limit their influence?
* **What RESOURCES do you have to run a young experts group and support individual young experts**? Consider factors such as staff time, venues; food, reciprocity or remuneration, stationary and any other expenses.
* **What is the ‘ASK’ of young people to help manage expectations?** Think about time commitment the role requires, the sort of tasks they will be given, and the topics they will be addressing.
* **What CRITERIA will you use to recruit or identify potential young expert advisors?** For example are their parameters linked to aspects of identity or experience such as age, gender, lived experience, engagement in particular services, or previous engagement in research/participation activities?
* **What ENGAGEMENT ROUTES will you use to engage or recruit young expert advisors?** For example will you advertise via specific services or projects, professionals or through more public channels such as social media? How will you support any ‘ask’ of services and professionals to support this project?
* **How will young experts feel INTEGRATED WITH and connected to the wider research project?** If there is an adult expert or advisory group, what is the relationship between the two groups?