

Empowering People with MND: Wheelchair User's Perspectives of Powered Wheelchairs

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Introduction & Background

- The Northern Ireland context.
- Implementing the MNDA recommendations for a rapid wheelchair pathway in Northern Ireland.
- Involving Service Users and Carers.
- Empowering people with MND to share their story to help support and educate others.
- Introducing Willie & Deirdre.



**Emma played two videos. They can
be seen in her full presentation at
<https://youtu.be/nOJVlz5ebK4>**

Willie's Story: Go to 5:08
Deidre's Story: Go to 10:54

Conclusion

- Empowering people with MND involves tailoring wheelchair solutions to meet their individual's needs.
- The lived experience of those using the wheelchairs is very valuable in encouraging and educating others in the use of adaptative equipment.
- Applying a co-production approach between those who use the service and those who deliver the service was key to evaluating and improving the service.

Personal and Public
Involvement (PPI)



Involving you,
improving care



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Questions Welcome