

Expert biography



Sean White

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Sean qualified as a dietitian in 2001 and for much of his career has been a home enteral nutrition dietitian, supporting people living at home living with a feeding tube. It is through this role that Sean developed an interest in how people make decisions about gastrostomy placement, including in people with MND. Sean has been involved in the development of several resources to support people making decisions about gastrostomy including the mytube website and being an expert advisory panel member for the decision aid 'Gastrostomy: Is it for me?'. Over the last decade Sean has taken up academic opportunities including being co-applicant on the NIHR Programme Grant lead by Professor Chris McDermott, developing and evaluating a complex nutritional intervention for people living with MND and recently submitting his NIHR funded PhD thesis that focused on how MND multidisciplinary teams support people living with MND to make decisions about gastrostomy. Sean is keen to take his doctoral findings forward to enable people living with MND to make quality, informed and timely decisions about their care and treatments.

