

GDA PROFILE

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The newly appointed carers representative on the GDA committee is Andrew Carey. Andrew was elected as the individuals' representative at the AGM in August. He told us a little bit about himself.

'I'm excited to be joining the GDA committee at a time when it changes its make-up somewhat to include elected member representatives such as carers. From the short time I've been on the committee so far I've been very impressed with so much: the energy of my colleagues, the breadth of the matters covered and of course the commitment to the aims of the charity. I hope I can make a good contribution myself.

I see my role as a liaison between the GDA committee and the wider carer community. So, if you're happy to be hearing from me, I'll be looking to make contact to get your views on a variety of subjects. I might be in touch by email or possibly by phone, but the point is to get the views of carers and to share them with the committee. All this, will, I hope make the Alliance more representative.

My wife and I have twin daughters who have Down Syndrome and one of them has additional complex needs as well. We care for them, but of course the line between being a parent and being a carer is sometimes quite blurred and sometimes there's no line at all. Being a carer of course isn't just a parent to child matter, the relationships will be different in different circumstances; sometimes within the family, sometimes not. That means it's important to hear as many different perspectives as possible.

My perspective is influenced by our daughters and their needs and wants for the short term and the long term. I

suppose it's also influenced by my connection to Guernsey, which is pretty much my whole life so far. The other bits and pieces are that I'm 49, I work for the States and enjoy getting out and about in Guernsey. Last year I cycled every yard of every road in the Island - my word we're so lucky to live in such a beautiful place - and I try to keep active by playing tennis and badminton. I'm also the Chairman of Le Viaer Marchi organising committee.

I'm pleased to be aboard and I look forward to making contact and to hearing from you.'

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