Frank Arrojo, carer Representative
Frank cared for his late mum who lived with vascular dementia for some 20 years, and these days devotes most of his time to initiatives on improving the lives of everyone affected by dementia (including family carers). Since 2011 he has been a Research Network Volunteer for the Alzheimer’s Society, a Member of tide (Together in Dementia Everyday), the Carer Representative for the NDAA’s Dementia Friendly Hospital Taskforce, an NIHR Reviewer, a co-applicant and monitor of dementia research projects, he runs a couple of local Dementia Carers Support Groups (in Sudbury and Wembley), and has spoken at major conferences about the experiences of being a family carer.

Mary Bruce
Senior Lecturer, Association for Dementia Studies, University of Worcester

Peter Crome, Chair
Peter Crome is Emeritus Professor of Geriatric Medicine at Keele University and an Honorary Professor at UCL. He worked as a Consultant Geriatrician for North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust and prior to that in Orpington Hospital. He has served as President of the British Geriatrics Society and the Section of Geriatrics and Gerontology at the Royal Society of Medicine. He has been responsible for service development in the areas of stroke, ortho-geriatrics and memory clinics.

James Campbell, Associate Director, Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership
James Campbell works as an Associate Director for the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP), who hold the contract to commission, manage and develop the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme on behalf of NHS England and Welsh Government. The programme comprises around 40 projects covering medical, surgical and mental health services.

Lesley Carter
Age UK Clinical lead, Professionals and Practice

Dr Oliver Corrado, NAD Clinical Lead
Dr Oliver Corrado has been the Lead Physician for the National Audit of Dementia since 2015. He qualified from St Mary’s Hospital, London and after training in geriatric, respiratory and general medicine in the Midlands, London and Yorkshire was appointed as a consultant geriatrician to Leeds Teaching Hospitals from 1987 until his retirement in 2017. He has had an interest in dementia for many years and was appointed as Leeds Teaching Hospitals’ first ‘Dementia Champion’ in 2010 and in 2015 also appointed Joint Clinical Lead for the Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Clinical Network for Dementia. In these roles he worked hard with colleagues in health, social care, the independent sector and patient/carer representatives to improve services for
people with dementia and their carers. Oliver also has a strong background in medical education and training and held several senior roles at local, regional and national level including Chair of the British Geriatrics Society Education and Training Committee, Chair of the Specialist Advisory Committee in Geriatric Medicine, Lead Physician for the Specialist Examination in Geriatric Medicine and Director of the West Yorkshire Foundation School. Through his continued involvement with NAD Oliver is committed to doing all he can to improve services for people with dementia and their carers.

Liz Champion, Lead Nurse for Dementia Care
My current role is Lead Nurse for Dementia Care at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, and I am passionate about improving the experience for patients with dementia and their carers’ in the acute hospital environment. Modernising our approaches to communication; seeking and acting on feedback; delivering person-centred care and becoming a dementia friendly organisation with improved environments to support this. Developing a skilled and effective workforce able to champion dementia care as well as developing partnerships to improve care outcomes are two of my main priorities. Looking at innovative ways to improve the experience of patients and their carers’ that attend our hospitals is also a clear focus of our strategy.

Dr Elizabeth Davies, Senior Medical Officer
Dr Liz Davies – background as a GP working in South Wales and now combining my role as Senior Medical Officer for Mental Health, Substance Misuse and Learning Disabilities in Welsh Government with GP sessions in the Out of Hours service in Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. I feel maintaining a clinical role is important in maintaining the relevance and reality of policy making.

Hilary Doxford, Service User Representative
At the age of 53, Hilary was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer’s disease. She is an Ambassador for the Alzheimer’s Society and a member of their Research Network. She was appointed to the World Dementia Council in 2015 and is a former Vice-Chair of the European Working Group of People with Dementia. Speaking nationally and internationally as a person living with a dementia diagnosis, she participates in research studies and champions ‘Join Dementia Research’. She is co-founder of the 3 Nations Dementia Working Group. She has 15 years of audit experience with the UK Renal Registry.

Dr Duncan Forsyth, MB, ChB; FRCP(London); FRCPE; MA
My interests include Parkinson’s disease (PD); delirium; improving dementia care in the acute hospital; and pharmacology of ageing. I am Chair of the Steering Group for the National Audit of Intermediate Care. Throughout my consultant career I have represented the British Geriatrics Society (BGS) in its liaison with the Faculty of Old Age Psychiatry and DH (England). I have championed the engagement of geriatricians’ in dementia care through the development of a special interest group within the BGS (1999) and through chairing and promulgating educational initiatives such as ‘Delirious about dementia’ (published 2005). I have also provided advice on dementia matters (and therefore delirium), especially in relation to the implementation of the Future Hospitals Commission, to the Clinical Vice-President of the Royal College of Physicians (London) [RCP] on behalf of the BGS. In 2005, with local
colleagues in Liaison Old Age Psychiatry, I set about promoting better diagnosis and management of delirium within my Trust. I was a member of the group who developed the BGS/RCN Guidelines for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Management of Delirium (2006). In late 2009, my ward manager and I, with colleagues in Liaison Psychiatry for Older People and senior management developed a ward model of care for older people with dementia and delirium, to be an exemplar of good practice within our Trust and beyond. In 2010, with the support of an exceptional multi-disciplinary team, we opened a specialist delirium ward. In 2011, I was nominated delirium lead for my Trust and with the ward team won the Division of Medicine Award for Excellence, having saved the Trust an estimated £44k in our first year. In the same year, we were finalists in the Royal College of Nursing Awards and in 2014 we were finalists in the National Dementia Awards (the only hospital team to be shortlisted). My second visit to Malaysia, in 2003, led to a paper in Age & Ageing in 2004 on the challenges faced by Malaysia due to an ageing population. I have visited many times since then and, in 2016, I advised the Malaysian Geriatrics Society on developing national delirium guidelines, published 2017. I was appointed Adjunct Professor in the School of Healthcare and Medical Sciences, Sunway University in January 2018. Currently, I also provide training in Geriatric Medicine and advice on healthcare service provision in Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Changsha (Hunan Province, China).

Dawne Garrett, Professional Lead for Older People and Dementia Care, Royal College of Nursing
Dawne has committed her nursing career to working with people living with dementia through a variety of clinical and academic roles. Her experience has spanned acute hospital care, community nursing, integrated services and academia. Dawne completed a PhD as a Florence Nightingale Scholar, researching older people’s experiences of sexual intimacy. She has been the United Kingdom professional lead older people and dementia care for the Royal College of Nursing for the last four years and maintains a clinical role and publishing widely.

Nicci Gerrard
John’s Campaign

Jayne Goodrick, Carer representative

Sam Harper
Project Manager, Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership

Vicki Leah
Lecturer in Adult Nursing, University of East London

Chris Roberts, Service User Representative
Member of 3 Nations Dementia Working Group, Alzheimer’s Society Ambassador

Kate Jeffries
Consultant Psychiatrist, Faculty of Old Age Psychiatry, Royal College of Psychiatrists

Janet Seale, Carer representative
Janet Seale is a former civil servant by profession and a carer for many years. She was a carer governor with Central and North West London (CNWL) NHS Foundation Trust for several years and is still actively involved with them. She is a fervent believer in co-production and provides Carer Awareness training to CNWL’s staff. She joined the college this year as a worker and is looking forward to working there.

Beth Swanson, NAD Nurse consultant
Lead nurse The James Cook University hospital

Sarah Tilsed, NDAA Campaigns & Partnerships Manager
Sarah Tilsed is the longest serving member of the NDAA. She leads the NDAA’s campaigns, which include the Dementia-Friendly Hospital Charter and From Seldom Heard to Seen and Heard. Prior to this, her previous role within the NDAA saw her organising events, managing the annual report and newsletter, and holding the relationship with members. Before the NDAA, Sarah worked for the APPG on Dementia, supporting campaigns and events in parliament. Prior to the world of dementia, she worked at Human Tissue Authority providing advice on body, organ and brain donation; organising events; and reporting on body donation and hospital inspections.

Michael Sykes
NIHR Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Newcastle

David Truswell
Director, Dementia Alliance for Culture and Ethnicity