

Appendix D: Characteristics of the participants.

	Participant type	Age	Gender	Ethnicity	Education level	Number of years in the SMNDRAG	Communication difficulties
P1	PwMND	50s	Female	White British	Masters degree	3	No ^a
P2	SITraN employee/relative	30s	Female	White British	Doctor of Philosophy	7	No
P3	MND Association volunteer	50s	Female	White British	Masters degree	7	No
P4	Ex-carer/relative	80s	Male	White British	Undergraduate degree	7	No
P5	SITraN employee	40s	Female	White British	Masters degree	7	No
P6	MND Association volunteer/ex-carer	80s	Female	White British	Undergraduate degree	7	No
P7	Ex-carer/relative	40s	Female	White British	Professional qualification	6	No
P8	PwMND	50s	Female	White British	Undergraduate degree	3	No
P9	MND Association volunteer	50s	Female	White British	Professional qualification	7	No
P10	Ex-carer/relative	70s	Male	White British	Professional qualification	7	No
P11	Researcher	40s	Male	White French	Doctor of Philosophy	N/A	No
P12	Researcher	40s	Male	White British	Doctor of Philosophy	N/A	No
P13	Researcher	30s	Male	White British	Doctor of Philosophy	N/A	No

^a *This participant used voice recognition software to use electrical devices*

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PwMND, person with motor neuron disease

SITraN, Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience

MND, motor neuron disease