

Dementia Select Committee – Hearing 29th March 2011

Michael O'Dell – 2Find Me (1.30)

Biography

Michael has 34 years experience in industry including engineering and project management, which included large investment programmes at several sites in the UK. For the past two years he has worked as a consultant covering project and health and safety management. In 2010 he visited Australia where a relative was involved in the development of the watch for a family member. The product went into production and Michael at that time realised it had great potential for the UK market.

Michael will make a presentation to the committee, demonstrate the Carer's Watch and answer questions including those outlined below.

Themes & Questions

1. Could you please introduce yourself and your organisation and tell us how you came to be involved with the product you have come to demonstrate – the Carer's Watch.
2. Could you please demonstrate how the device can be used and its various features and functions?
3. Have any trials of the Carer's Watch been undertaken in Australia or the UK and if so what feedback have you had from those trials?
4. Do you have any case studies involving use of the watch to assist a person with dementia/their carer?
5. In what ways is it envisaged the cost of these devices may be met by a person with dementia or a carer?
6. Could you please summarise for us what in your view are the advantages of this type of device in meeting the specific needs of carers/people with dementia in order to help with behaviours such as wandering or otherwise maintaining safety.