

In Memoriam: The Tregale family pay tribute to John Van Den Ende who sadly departed this world on 26th October 2006, at just 52.

John was the very best support person for people with an intellectual or multiple disability we ever saw, or have seen within DHS direct care services. Although John worked for the department in their supported accommodation group homes, he totally disagreed with how they treated and considered the residents and their families.

John was a key member of a team who were determined to provide very real quality of life care for the residents of the department group home where our son was a resident, and very meaningful involvement and respect for families. John's dedication achieved this despite the status quo attitude of the department.

Especially as our son's key worker, John was so good it was necessary to remind ourselves of just how hard he worked against department prejudice to achieve such consistent and meaningful quality of life care for the residents, with corresponding peace of mind for the families.

John, you were way ahead of your time! We don't expect to see anyone near your standard for a very long time, if ever. You are so sadly missed – Thank you for the wonderful care and friendship you gave Paul, and the real peace of mind and friendship you gave to us. Rest in Peace John : You will always be remembered!

Tony & Heather Tregale