

I have Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy an illness which is terminal where through life my muscles deteriorate, these devastating effects disturb muscle function eventually leading into early pre-mature usually it is the heart muscle that fails leading into heart failure.

Most people primarily the male population are affected by Duchenne... where the expectation to live into their late teens is deemed unlikely caused by a faulty gene from birth, I'm 22 years old!

I use a ventilator where also due to my condition losing the ability to eat where I have to be fed by tube!

My grandfather was a professional football player coming from Barnsley, who played for Manchester City and represented England in the 1930's time period... most remembered for his part in Manchester City's FA Cup victory 1934 at Wembley where he scored two goals against Portsmouth.

This may be an ambitious request although I thought no harm in asking and if my appeal gets declined I appreciate that decision with respect!

I work voluntary for the charity Action Duchenne where I have actively been involved in lobbying and fundraising... I was nominated for the Pride of Manchester awards scheme where I'm looking for votes to achieve the 'Mancunian of the Year' award.

Voting has now started, would there be an opportunity or a possibility during tomorrow's meeting you could bring this up?

Mentioning who I am, my illness and the fact my granddad played for City... it may have the potential to gain more votes! In order to be successful I need to achieve the most votes where I'm the only one among contenders that has a terminal illness and the only nominee that is not celebrity.

I'm up against celebrities such as Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, players like Ryan Giggs and Rio Ferdinand... Gary Barlow and many other big hitters!

"To win this award would mean more than a personal achievement where the other contenders for this award have won numerous honours for simply entertaining folk or being a good public figure!

I want to receive this award not because I would love the honour of receiving such a privilege but because the awareness and publicity following would immensely help the cause giving hope for the many young men and children of today that maybe a treatment will come."

Kindest regards,

Carl

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