

## RUPERT EARL (CHAIR)



### **Dr Rupert Earl (Chair)**

*'I developed a C6 (ASIA A complete) tetraplegia following a road traffic accident in 1979, whilst I was a student reading Biochemistry at Oxford University. After a PhD in novel vesicular drug delivery and a career in the pharmaceutical industry, I retired after neurosurgery for syringomyelia - a late consequence of my spinal cord injury.*

*I was invited to join a newly-formed SIA working group addressing care funding issues in 2007 and shortly afterwards was elected as a Trustee. I have served as Vice Chair of SIA for 6 years, and as Chair of the Continuing Health and Social Care Working Group. I first became Chair of SIA in 2017.*

*I am passionate about SIA and it's vital campaigning work in helping SCI people to lead fulfilled and societally-inclusive lives, and have represented SIA on the James Lind Alliance Pressure Ulcer Partnership, several novel urological research study steering committees, and in high-level negotiations with NHS Improvement on measures to improve SCI people's experience of neurogenic bowel management and with NHS England on*

*NHS Continuing Healthcare and Personalisation issues to this end.*