Pulmonary Fibrosis State of the Nation – **Key Statistics**

Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis

1 in 3
respondents were misdiagnosed, with their symptoms often being mistaken for less severe conditions like asthma

~40%
reported that the information they received at diagnosis did not adequately prepare them for what to expect from their condition or care

~50%
waited over six months for a confirmed diagnosis, with more than a third waiting over a year

50%+
of participants were not informed about the benefits of occupational therapies and over 25% were not told about pulmonary rehabilitation programs

50%
of those living more than 100 miles away from a specialist centre waited up to two years to be diagnosed

40%
of those were also unable to access end of life or advanced care planning

75%
endure multiple debilitating side effects from current treatment options, including diarrhoea, decreased appetite and nausea

65%
of those bereaved by PF reported that their loved one had passed away before being able to access psychological support

~33%
of those misdiagnosed did not feel their health concerns were taken seriously

1 in 5
attended more than five medical appointments before being referred