

# 800,000 Irish People Are Living With Neurological Conditions

Latest research carried out by the Neurological Alliance of Ireland based on over 600 people with neurological conditions showed that:

## ACCESS TO SERVICES

**20%** of respondents could not get physiotherapy, psychology or counselling

**10%** could not get neurorehabilitation services

## WAITING TIMES TO SEE A NEUROLOGIST

**30%** waited more than 12 months to see a neurologist for diagnosis

## OUT OF POCKET SPENDING ON VITAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES

**50%** paying entirely out of their own pocket for GP services, **37%** for MRI scans, **31%** to see their neurologist & **26%** for medications or physiotherapy

**12%** were spending more than €100 a month on physiotherapy

**44%** reported significant financial hardship due to their condition

## EMPLOYMENT

**78%** had to give up work as a direct result of their neurological condition

**19%** have not disclosed their condition to their employer

**20%** experiencing significant difficulties in the workplace due to their condition

## CARERS

**38%** providing care for more than 10 hours per day

**45%** providing night time care on a daily basis

**64%** reported family income had fallen significantly due to neurological condition

## HOME CARE & RESPITE

**14%** paying more than €100 per month for paid carer in the home

**27%** reported home care is not appropriate

**31%** not enough hours provided

**34%** cannot access appropriate respite

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