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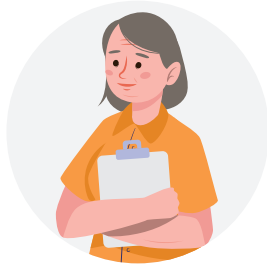
# ILFA

## STAKEHOLDER SURVEY CAREGIVERS

Between April 16th and May 5th 2020, the Irish Lung Fibrosis Association commissioned a survey of its stakeholders to gain a deeper understanding of how their daily and healthcare needs were being met during the Covid-19 pandemic. Caregivers were quite concerned about poor levels of awareness and lack of recognition of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) as a serious condition. Several were experiencing stress and they found the support from ILFA very helpful. They also felt it would be useful for newly diagnosed patients and their caregivers to be pointed to ILFA immediately upon diagnosis.

## Caregivers Profile

86%



female

14%



male



## QUALITY OF SLEEP

58%

reported that their sleep had gotten worse during the Covid-19 situation.

22%

of caregivers / family members reported good or very good quality of sleep.

## QUOTE

*Realising the importance of what I have and appreciating life before the pandemic hit*

were the most common positives experienced by caregivers / family members.



## CONCERNS

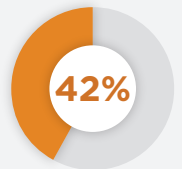
When asked to rank sources of concern, caregivers were most concerned about their patient's access to hospital care as well as their financial situation.



**88% of caregivers** were concerned about the person they care for being able to safely access hospital treatment.

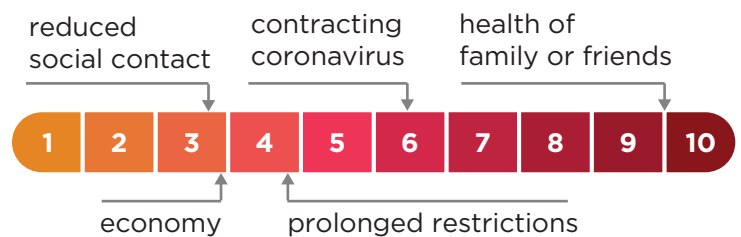
## FINANCIAL SITUATION

**42% of caregivers** reported being financially worse off because of the COVID-19 situation.



## SOURCES OF WORRY

*Caregivers ranked the health of family or friends as their main source of worry*



## MEDICAL CARE

### Health Service and Government Response

**76%** of caregivers felt reassured by the government's response to Covid-19.

**68%** were confident in the ability of the health service to meet society's needs during the outbreak.

**68%** of caregivers were confident in the ability of the health service to meet their needs during the outbreak.