



Comprehensive survey of the needs of people with MS

**Survey completed by
826 people with MS**

60% had relapsing remitting MS (RRMS) and **20%** had progressive forms of MS (PFMS). The remainder were unsure or had Clinically Isolated Syndrome.

Neurology services



- **44%** waited more than 6 months for their last Neurologist appointment
- **71%** of people with RRMS had an MRI scan in the past 12 months. **28%** of these waited 6 months or more
- **16%** needed to see an MS Nurse in the last 6 months but were unable to access the service

Neurorehabilitation



- Less than **25%** had ever been offered neurorehabilitation
- **23%** did not know what neurorehabilitation is

Treatment



- **18.3%** of people with RRMS waited over a year from diagnosis to starting treatment

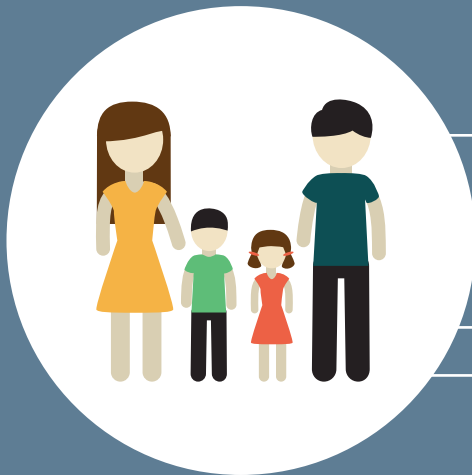


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Medical Card

- **58%** do not have a Medical Card
- Of these, **23%** applied and were refused and **71%** have never applied



Family and Personal Life

- **35.3%** said MS impacted on their family life a lot of the time
- Almost **25%** said MS impacts on participating in daily life very much
- **73%** receive support from a family member or friend
- Nearly **30%** are struggling on their current income



Home adaptations

- **18%** would benefit from home adaptations but could not get them

MS Ireland services

47% say MS Ireland's website is one of their main sources of information on MS

30% say MS News is one of their main sources of information on MS

27.3% had seen an MS Ireland Community Worker in the last 12 months