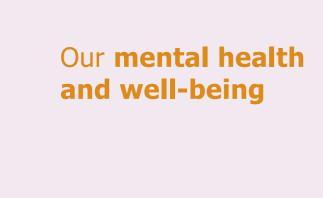
Narcolepsy affects every area of our lives



34,%

Our **physical health**

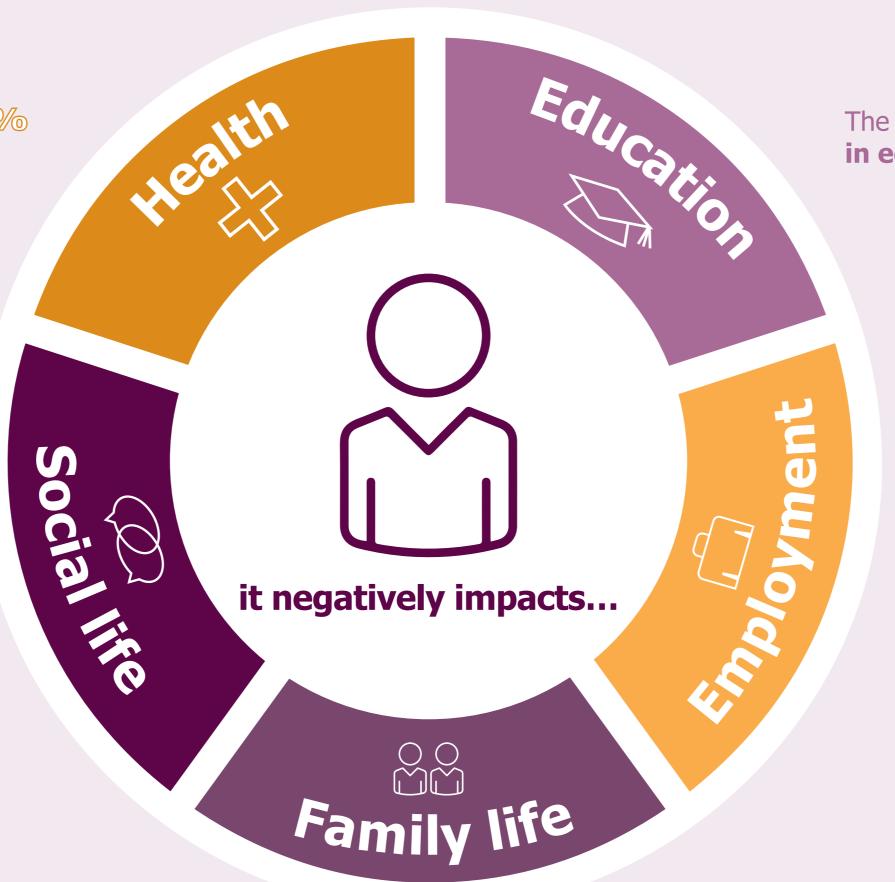


The activities we can do

88%

Our **ability to spend time with friends**

86



The time we spend in education

75%

The qualifications and grades we achieve

The type of job we can do

82%

Our ability to **progress** within a job

We have to fight for appropriate medical care

The relationship we have with our partner

65%

Our ability to **build and maintain relationships**

65%



31%

were taken seriously when they first presented with symptoms



33%

feel they were diagnosed within a reasonable time frame

58%

feel they currently have access to the best medications to treat their condition – this often takes years to perfect, and NHS budgets can limit access to the preferred drugs £

first presented with symptoms

easonable time frame

57%

feel they have had **adequate support from a specialist** in the last year – getting to the right
specialist is a **long and frustrating road**



17%

feel their **GPs have sufficient knowledge of narcolepsy**



Despite this we battle on



aged over 18 are

in education



On average, to receive a confirmed

diagnosis it takes people aged over 18

6 years and people under 18 1.7 years

530/0 are in employment



aged under 18

are in education

Many of us have active family lives, parents, partners, children... and our condition affects them too



But we need help with describing our condition to get the support we need

People with narcolepsy want more support...

to describe the condition to **educators**

40% 64% aged under 18

to describe the condition to **employers**

54% 11% aged under 18

to describe the condition to **benefit advisors**

57[%] 24[%] aged under 18

on how to help them deal with the impact of narcolepsy on themselves and the rest of their family

59[%] 58[%] aged under 18

The adult men among us and ethnic minorities may find it harder to seek support





Based on a survey of 302 people with narcolepsy and 149 supporters