

#CancerCosts:

RAPID RESEARCH BRIEFING ON FINANCIAL HARDSHIP CAUSED BY TRAVEL COSTS

The Poll

We know that Cancer Costs. Our previous research found families of young cancer patients face average journeys of 60 miles, costing £180 a month when treatment is at its most intense. As treatment can go on for years, families are often plunged into debt.

We wanted to better understand what families of young cancer patients struggle to afford due to the financial costs of travelling to their child's treatment. So in May 2019 we conducted a poll on our closed Facebook group for parents and carers of young cancer patients. 147 parents and carers from across the UK responded to the poll.

Membership of, and activity on, this group is closely monitored by CLIC Sargent staff and regularly compared against our internal database.

The Findings

Two thirds (66%) of families struggle to afford household bills

Six out of ten (60%) struggle to afford essential household repairs

One in three (37%) families struggle to afford rent or mortgage costs

A third (35%) of parents struggle to afford food for themselves or their partner

One in five (22%) families struggle to afford heating in their home

Nearly one in five (18%) parents struggle to afford food for their children

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