# PULMONARY FIBROSIS SUPPORT

### **Pulmonary Fibrosis Charities**

- Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis <a href="https://www.actionpf.org/">https://www.actionpf.org/</a>
   A charity there to support those living with pulmonary fibrosis and assist research into effective treatments, and ultimately a cure, for the disease
- Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust <a href="https://pulmonaryfibrosistrust.org/">https://pulmonaryfibrosistrust.org/</a>
   A charity whose focus is on providing practical support to those living with pulmonary fibrosis
- British Lung Foundation https://www.blf.org.uk/
   A charity looking after the nation's lungs. Seeking to make sure that one day everyone breathes clean air with healthy lungs

#### **Managing Breathlessness**

- British Lung Foundation: <a href="https://www.blf.org.uk/support-for-you/breathlessness/how-to-manage-breathlessness">https://www.blf.org.uk/support-for-you/breathlessness/how-to-manage-breathlessness</a>
- NHS: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/idiopathic-pulmonary-fibrosis/
- Breathing Matters: <a href="https://www.breathingmatters.co.uk/category/idiopathic-pulmonary-fibrosis/">https://www.breathingmatters.co.uk/category/idiopathic-pulmonary-fibrosis/</a>
- NHS Breathless video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= YFIUYdyt14
- Calm mindfulness app (for meditation and sleep) https://www.calm.com/

### Other useful links

- Equipment and adaptations Disabled Living Foundation helpline@dlf.org.uk
- Benefit entitlement, e.g. Personal Independence Payment, Universal Credit, Employment Support Allowance, Carers Allowance <u>www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits</u> <u>www.adviceuk.org.uk</u>
- Disability Rights Disabilityrightsuk.org
- Financial/Debt advice www.stepchange.org Macmillan Grants
- Return to driving DVLA 0300 790 6806 www.motability.co.uk
- Mental Heath MIND <a href="https://www.mind.org.uk/">https://www.mind.org.uk/</a>

## **Support For Carers:**

- Please check out our wellbeing page for suggestions about how you might care for yourself https://www.stfrancis.org.uk/our-care/wellbeing
- Check in with your local carers support network: <a href="https://www.carersinherts.org.uk/">https://www.carersinherts.org.uk/</a> <a href="https://carersbucks.org/">https://carersbucks.org/</a>
- The Hospice of St Francis regularly runs a care towards the end of life care course for carers a 6 week course that offers emotional and practical support. Subjects covered include
  community nursing, benefits and finance, legal matters, funeral planning, difficult
  conversations, wellbeing and caring for carers. Please contact
  mailto:hospiceofstfrancis.berkhamsted@nhs.net if you want details of upcoming courses.