

I'm writing a letter to the Health Minister for N Ireland (Robin Swann) and to my local MLA. In my letter I have asked them to help end the inequality that exists for sufferers of pulmonary fibrosis.

My wife suffers from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, (no known cause, or cure). She has to live with the fact that there are drugs available that could prolong her life; yet she cannot access them.

Why is it that citizens of the U.K. cannot access these vital drugs when they are freely prescribed throughout Europe and N America?

Why is it that cancer patients get immediate support and medications and yet sufferers of pulmonary fibrosis have to sit and wait for this progressive disease to cause havoc with their bodies before they receive any intervention?

This inequality and cruelty must be brought to an end immediately.