

# Key findings from the 'Meningitis and Me' report

## Every moment matters



**In 60% of cases** meningitis was not recognised by the first healthcare professional people came into contact with

"The first on call doctor said it's nothing to worry about she's teething, a second doctor said it was just a virus. The THIRD doctor diagnosed meningitis but by then we now know it was far too late."

from the parent of baby girl who died from bacterial meningitis

## Devastating after effects



**Almost 1 in 2** people who survived have been left with long-term after-effects

"I lost both hands and both legs. I lost my career, my home, my boyfriend and worst of all I lost myself."

from a woman who had bacterial meningitis at the age of 22

## The emotional toll



**3 in 4 survivors** say meningitis has impacted on them emotionally

"I was suicidal from the emotional trauma of it all."

from a woman who had bacterial meningitis at the age of 42

## Ruined lives



**58% of people** with long-term after-effects have some difficulty with day-to-day tasks

"I've had to let go of the person I was, I know I will never be the same again. I have lost my life, my career I studied so hard for at university, my friends, my social life, my health, my happiness, my freedom..."

from a woman who had viral meningitis at the age of 28