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**Introduction**

The IRC, a coalition of respiratory clinicians, patients and industry partners, aims to transform post-pandemic respiratory care and reduce mortality by a third globally by 2030 - in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The IRC is calling on governments and policy makers to establish funded national strategies, which include prevention, new models of care, ambitious measurable targets, and accountable leadership to improve lung health by focusing on:

**Better...**

1. Prevention of respiratory diseases
2. Access to the right treatment at the right time
3. Action on reducing inequalities
4. Prioritisation of research, data and insight to improve care

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**Societal economic cost by disease:**

- **Asthma** £9.2 billion
- **COPD** £29.7 billion
- **Interstitial Lung Disease** £3.2 billion
- **Lower Respiratory Tract Infections** £15.8 billion
- **Mesothelioma** £1.7 billion
- **Lung Cancer** £26.5 billion
- **Tuberculosis** £299.5 million
- £86.2 billion societal economic cost of respiratory diseases