**Figure 1 Duration between diagnosis with rheumatological condition and reporting leaving work due to that condition. Data are from an unselected sample of 193 UK rheumatology outpatients**

Number of years between time of diagnosis and leaving work

17 patients reported that they left their work after symptoms started and BEFORE their condition was diagnosed

Average time between diagnosis and left work due to the condition

Represents a unique individual reporting that they left work wholly or partly due to their rheumatological condition

Ankylosing spondylitis

Vasculitis and connective tissue

Psoriatic

arthritis

Osteoarthritis and pain

Rheumatoid

arthritis