

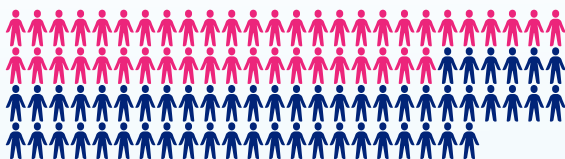
MID YEAR UPDATE 2023

MACS (MICROPHTHALMIA, ANOPHTHALMIA & COLOBOMA SUPPORT)



Registered charity 1161897

GROWTH



108 new members, from 35 households joined the MACS family. MACS now supports 3,452 members from 1,189 households across the UK

“ This was my first visit to a MACS group.

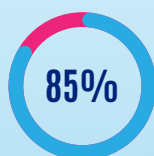
I didn't know what to expect though it exceeded all my expectations and gave me a platform for me and my family to feel there is a community out there that is able to help us on our journey.

Without them we would feel very isolated, and a lot of the care teams (community support) had no idea how to support us. We can't wait to come back next time.



ACHIEVEMENTS & INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS

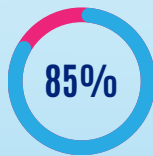
We have collated the findings of a member-wide survey conducted at the end of 2022, to inform our next five-year strategy. The overriding theme is the desire to move back to in-person events, which we are already starting to implement, with four new MACS Meets events in place across the UK. The outcomes and impact from our services were evaluated and we now know that



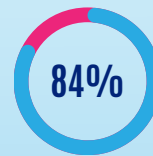
of parents say that they feel less alone and isolated



felt more able to help their child manage their condition



feel better informed about their condition

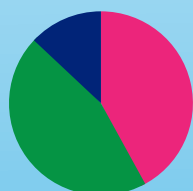


feel more connected to people who may be experiencing similar things



said they felt more prepared for the future.

FINANCE



We are delighted to see a move to diversifying income streams, which is keeping us on the trajectory for achieving our budgeted income for the year.

Trusts and Foundations = 42%

Challenge Events = 45% (currently higher due to London Marathon)

Other Fundraising = 13%

STILL TO COME....

Our new Service Development Manager is working hard to develop a new timetable of events and services for 2024, to give more structure and confidence when allocating resources, including family days and more in-person, regional Meet Ups and we look forward to sharing this with you at the end of the year in Focus on Funding; our annual grants newsletter.

This is a generic update about our services and we look forward to contacting you in due course with a more specific update in relation to your kind grant.