

MACS INTERIM IMPACT REPORT 2026



Supporting people born without eyes or with underdeveloped eyes

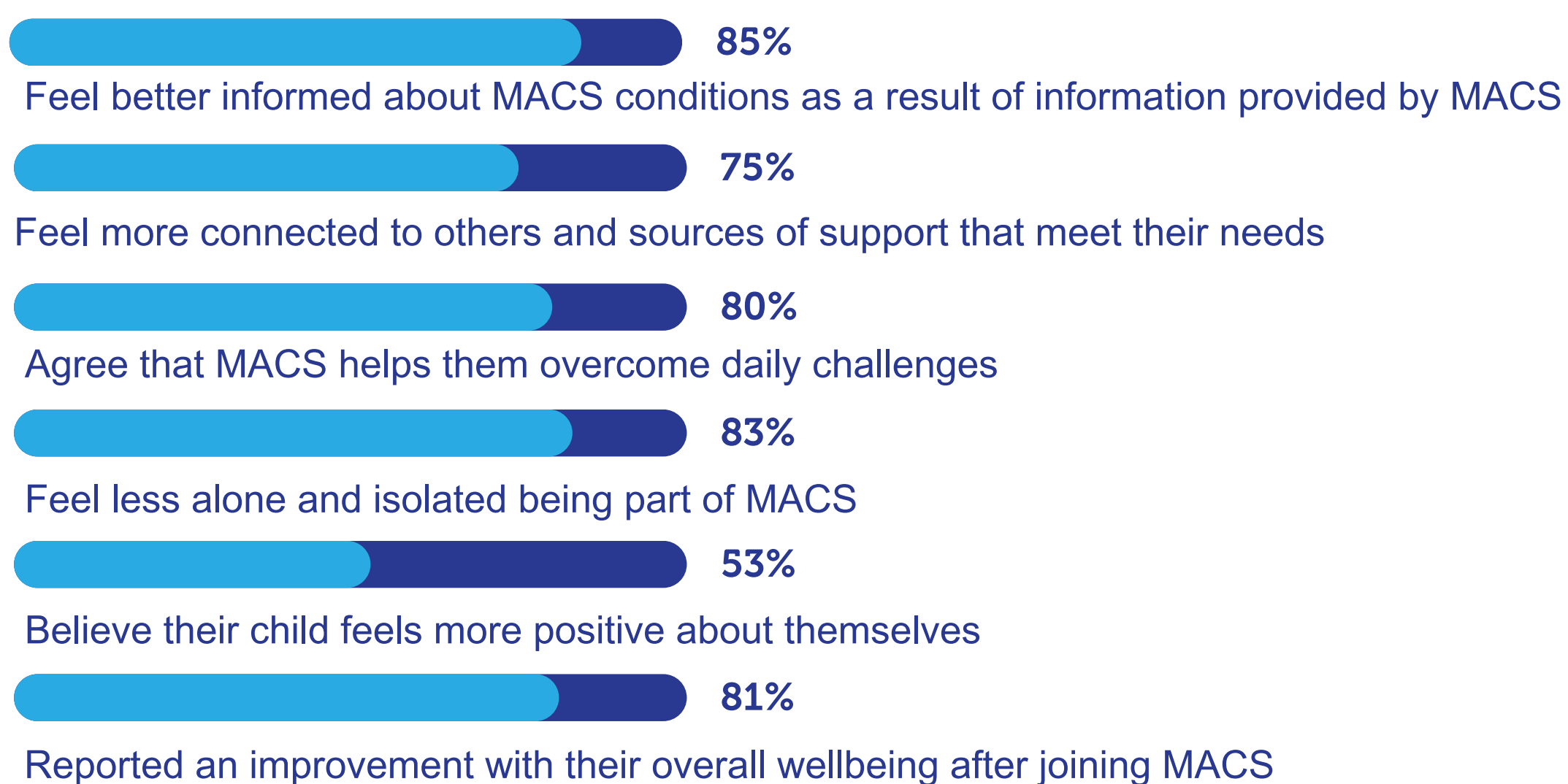
Welcome to our 2026 Mid-Year Impact Report. This update highlights the work MACS has delivered so far this year, reflecting our continued commitment to supporting MACS families across the UK. From community connections to practical support, we're proud to share the progress we've made together.

Success is measured against the predetermined outcomes on our Theory of Change which lead to our sustained impact goal that *People with MACS in the UK and their families are less isolated, better connected and have access to the advice, information and support they need to thrive and confidently lead a fulfilling life.*

Member Satisfaction

2025-2026

Results from our latest annual survey (Dec 2025)



Mission

To foster a vibrant, connected, and supportive community that is dedicated to empowering individuals and families with MACS conditions, helping them reach their full potential.

Values

- Collaborative - working with our members, not for them
- Friendly over formal - creating a personable culture while remaining professional
- Aspirational - our desire to achieve excellence

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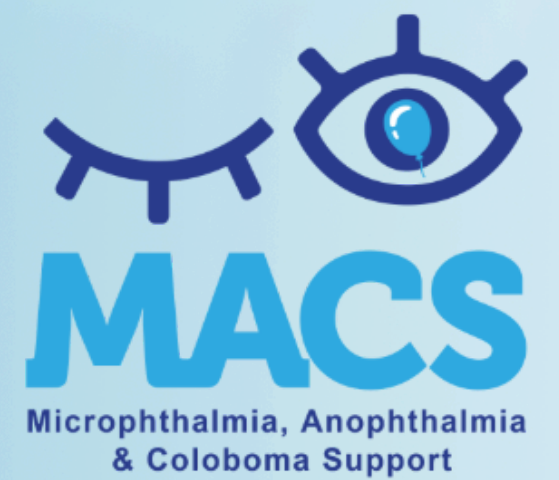
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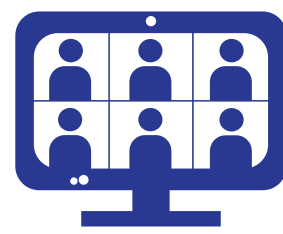
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So far this year.....

Jan - June

2026



3 Parent Carer Talks

Recorded webinars offering parents advice and guidances on topics from accessible story time to encouraging independence with more to follow!



12 Volunteers

DBS checked and trained, covering

8 UK regions

delivering

2 regional events

in Northern Ireland and Birmingham

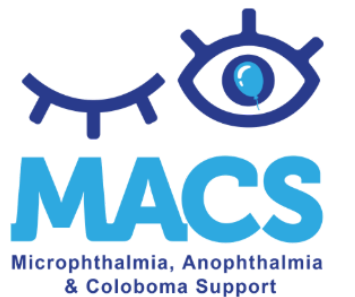


87 new members

MACS now supports 3,859 members across the UK, from 1,264 households.

1

new logo



Symbolising a new era for MACS; one that honours our history while looking confidently to the future and reflecting the broader, lifelong support we now provide.



14 new funders

Resulting in £70,068 new income.

2

new team members



As part of the planned development in our infrastructure we welcomed Jon, Fundraising Manager and Vikki, Regional Volunteers and Events Coordinator.



2 new services

Counselling enhances our mental wellbeing offering and a bespoke, barrier led employability programme to support transition into an independent adulthood.



364 Personalised Birthday cards

364 handwritten birthday cards, from Macs The Monkey sent to members aged 11 & under, with another 455 planned for the rest of the year.



6 Helping Hands

Relieving financial hardship by funding personalised support, from assistive tech to music lessons!

Member testimonials

2026

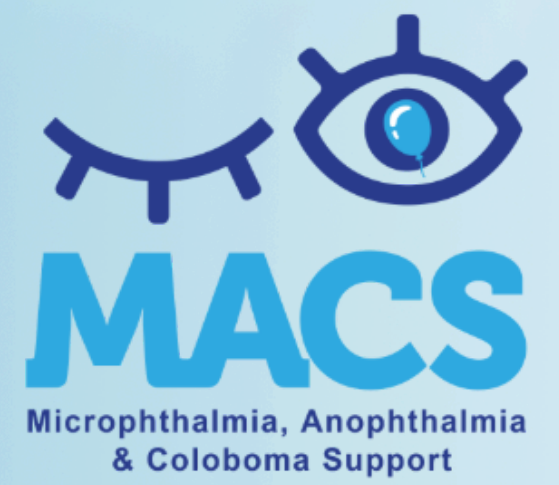
“ At five, our son felt like an ‘alien’ because he’d never met children like him. Through MACS, he found connection, and confidence, and we found practical support - like the advice for a trike when stabilisers wouldn’t work - and even when anxiety keeps us at home, the online community means we’re never alone. ”

“ It’s been incredible along our parenting journey to see other children and families with the same problems. Connecting at meetups has been invaluable. ”

“ My husband and I have been so comforted by the Facebook support group. It’s helped us feel less alone being able to read and talk to others going through similar experiences and ask questions that we are asking ourselves. As parents, it’s reassuring to hear from adult member about their experiences growing up. ”

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Still to come.....



July - December

2026



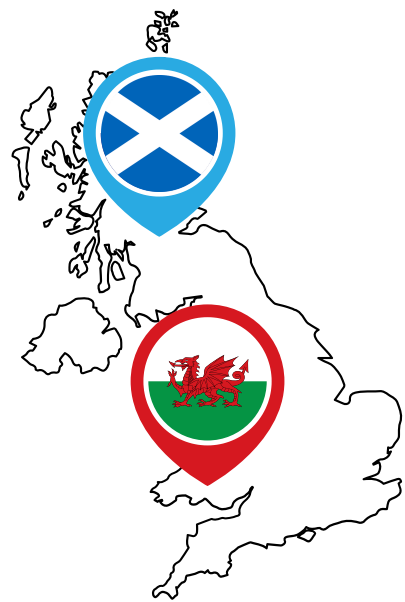
4 Activity Trips

Our confidence building Calvert (Lake District), Sailing, Mersea and Jamie's Farm (new for 2026) trips are all taking place this summer and are nearly all fully subscribed.



10 Volunteer-led events

Including a sensory experience (Liverpool), and pantos from Scotland to Southampton



2 Large Regional Meetups

Connecting members in Scotland and Wales as part of the development of our Regional Volunteer Programme. These events will bring families together for a weekend packed with activities, great food, laughter, and a magical theatre trip.



9 Online Events

Including new members welcome, coffee mornings, quizzes and more!



8000 Newsletters

Six monthly e-newsletters plus two printed Focus Magazine editions, each distributed to 1,000 households.



1 BIG MACS Meet Up

Uniting 300 members from across the UK at Drayton Manor for a weekend of fun, friendship and belonging, helping 97% of attendees feel less isolated

1 MACS Awareness Week

21 - 27 September

This MACS Awareness Week, our theme is 'monkeying around' in honour of our mascot, Macs the Monkey! Follow our social media, like and share our posts, and help us spread the word - it really means the world to us!

