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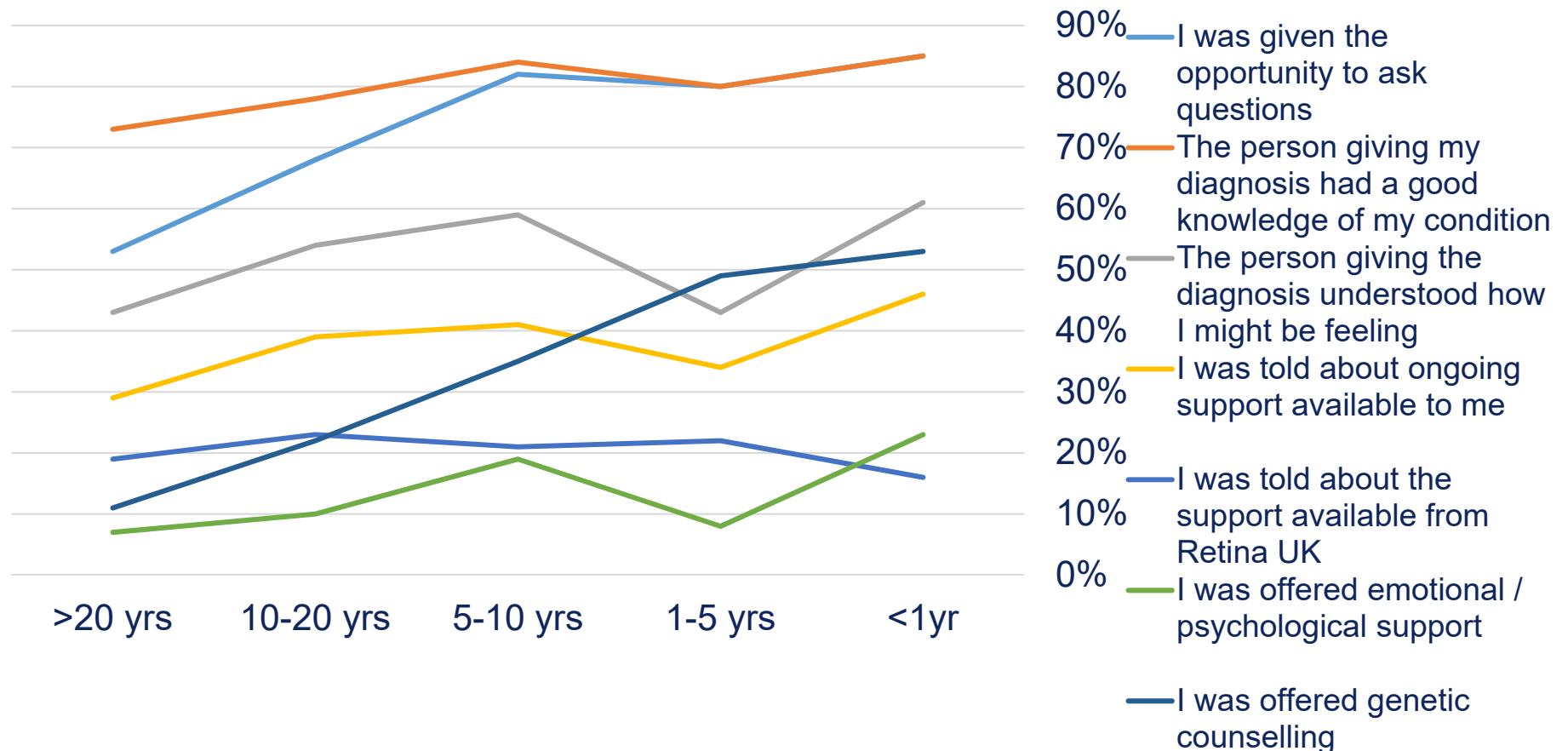
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Genetic diagnosis

- 41% of respondents said they had received a genetic diagnosis for their sight condition.
- But analysis of their free text responses shows only 15% were able to provide the name of a gene or specific retinal condition (which correlates to a specific gene).
- Of those who said they've received a genetic diagnosis, but didn't provide a recognisable gene / genetic disease type:
 - Some said they had forgotten it
 - Some said they'd had genetic testing but a specific gene had not been identified
 - Some described an inheritance pattern

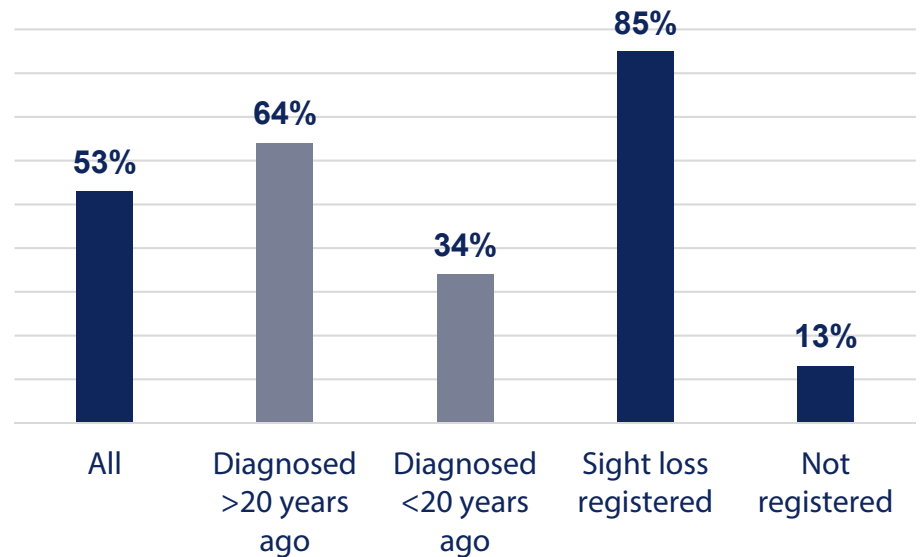
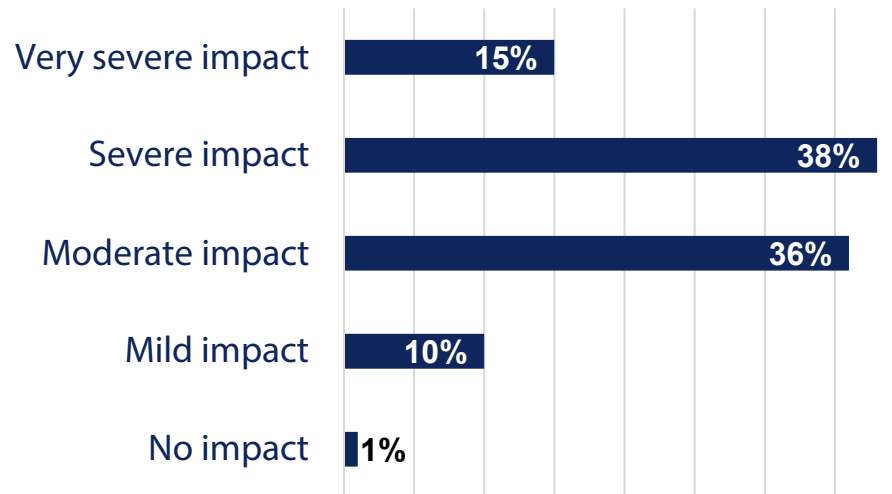
Being given the diagnosis



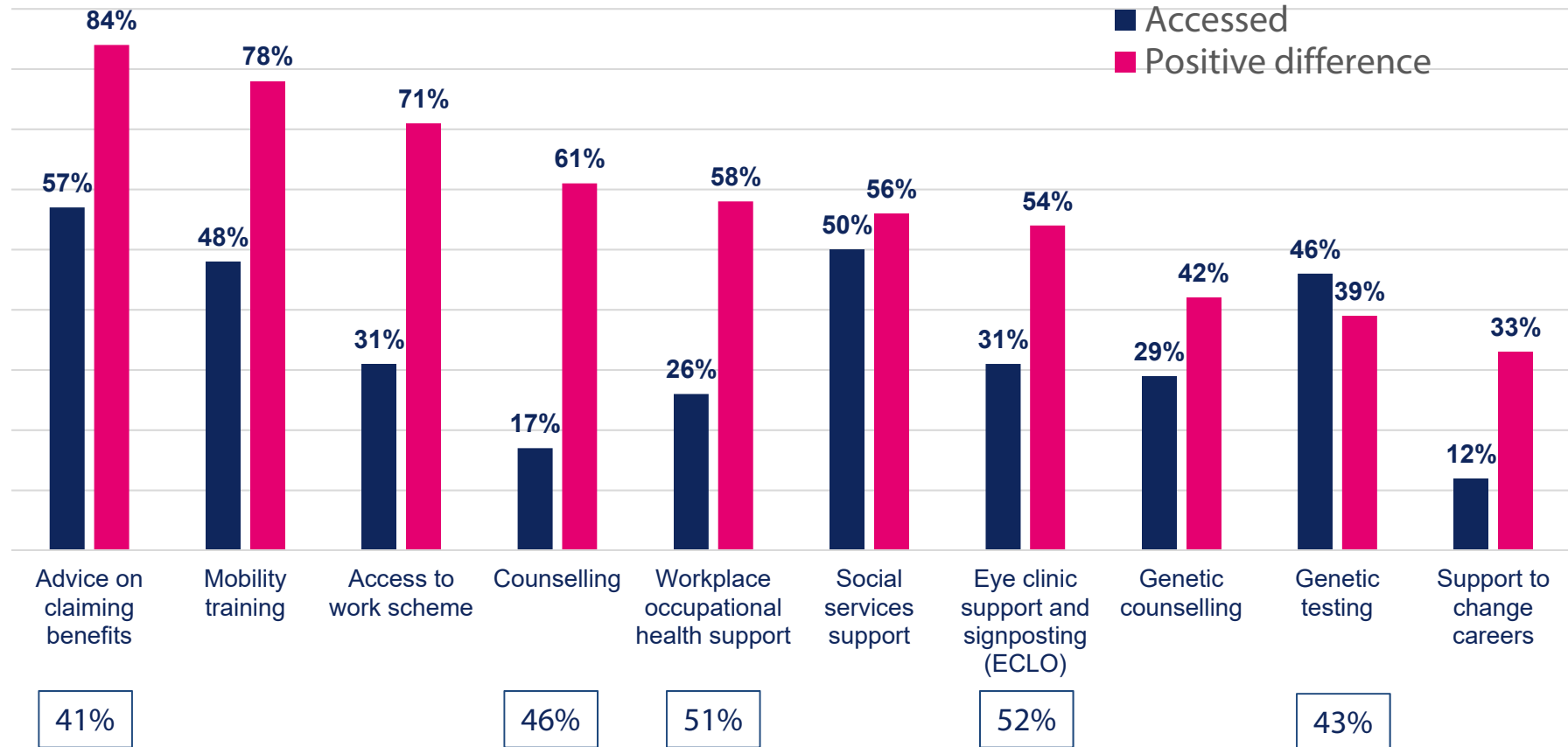
Impact of sight loss on quality of life

53% say the impact on their quality of life is 'severe' (38%) or 'very severe' (15%).

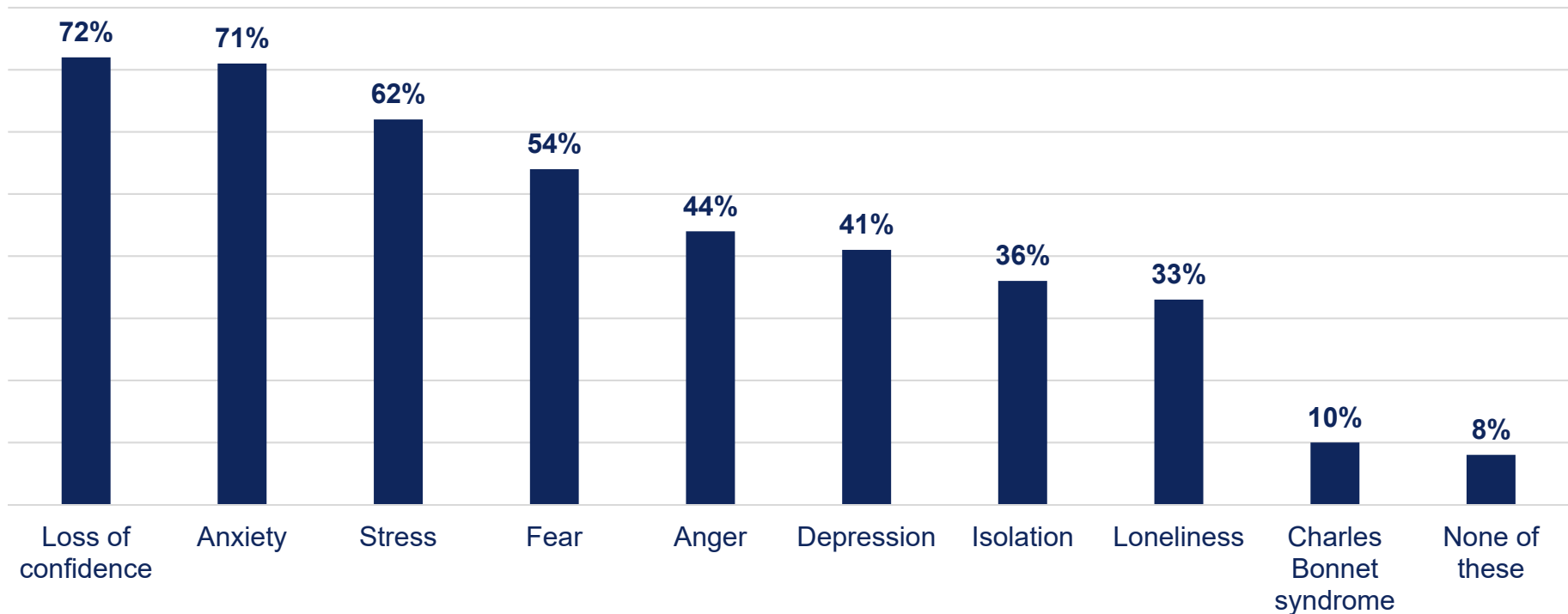
This is higher among **those diagnosed over 20 years ago**, and those who are **sight loss registered**.



Services with barriers to access

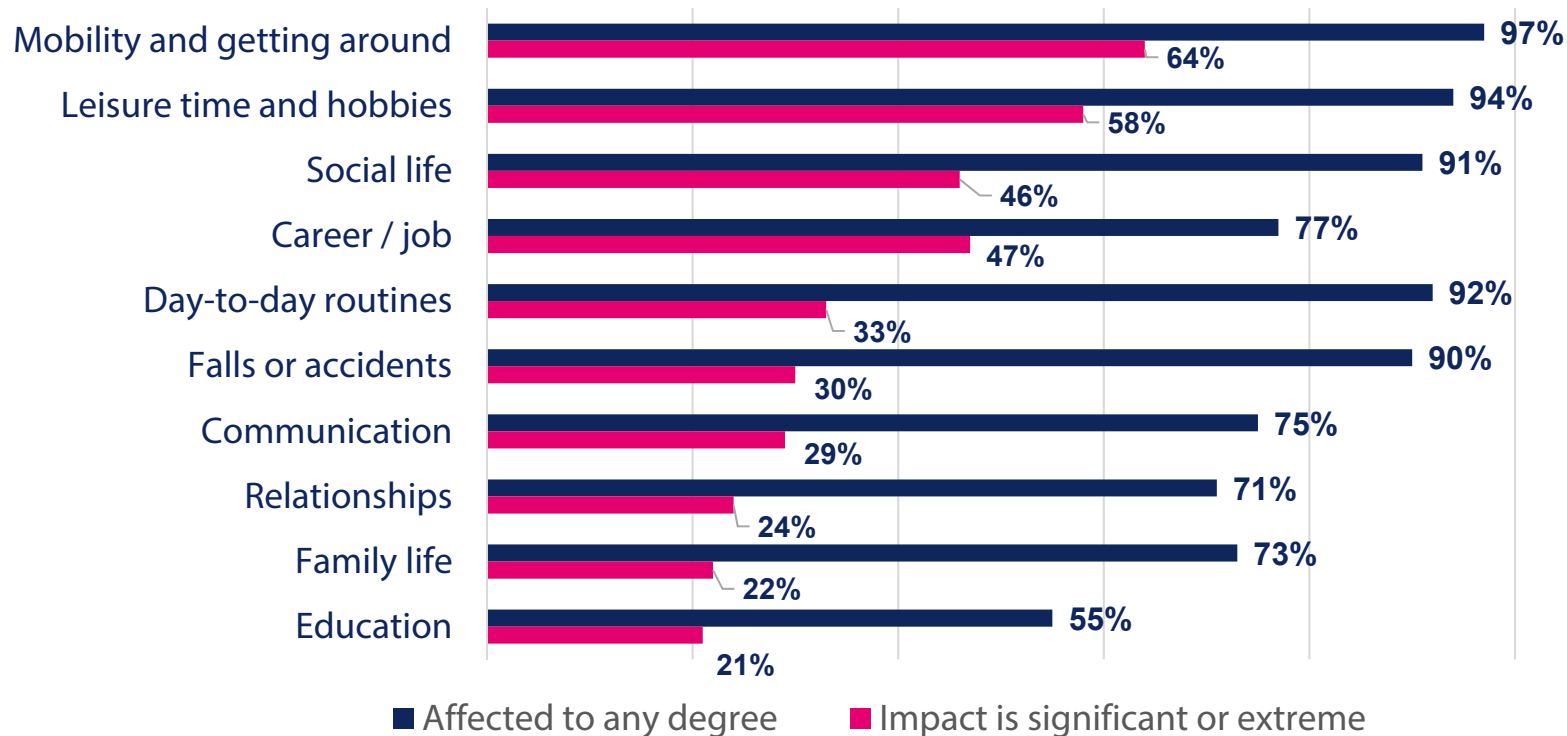


Emotional & psychological impacts



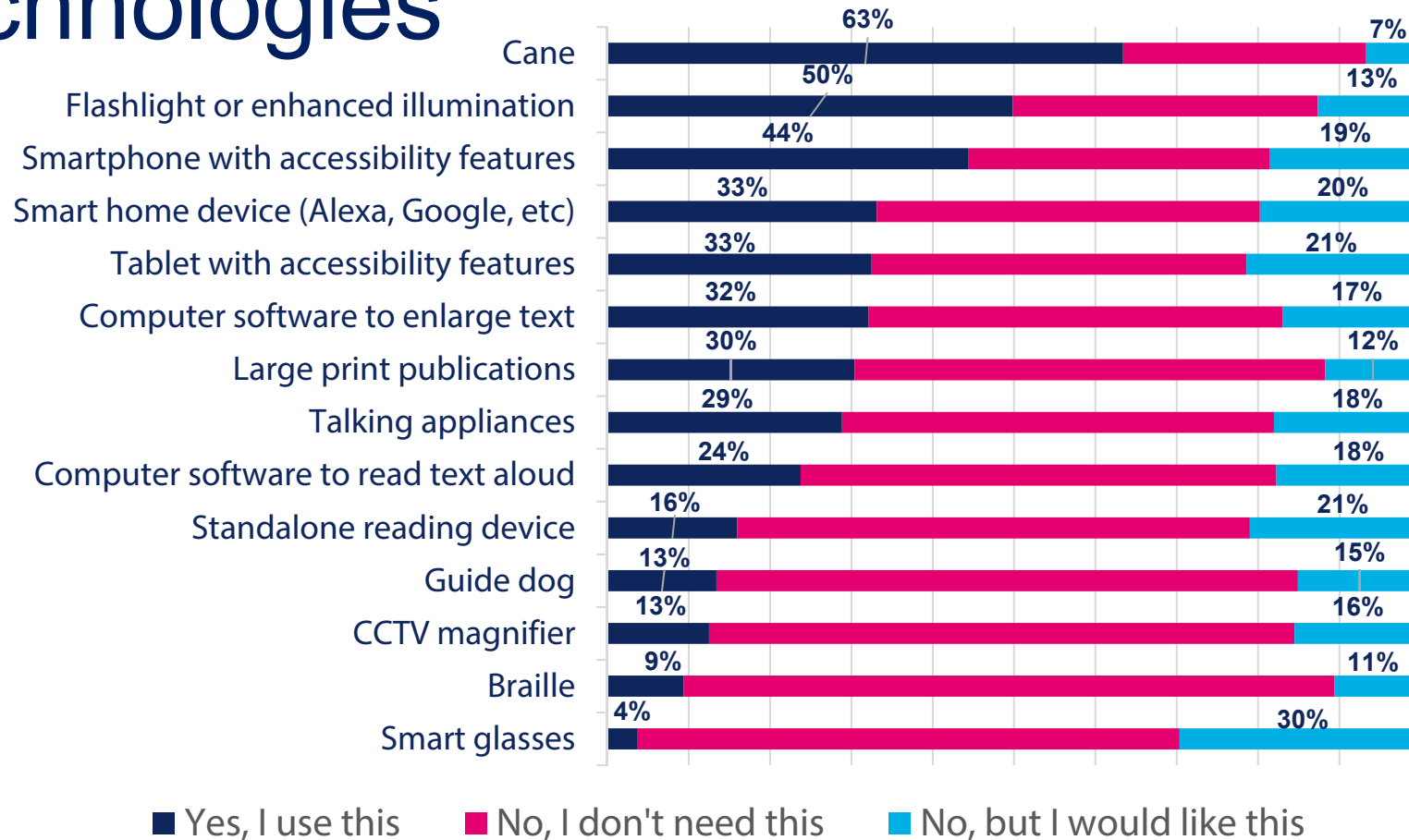
People who have **engaged with Retina UK** were less likely to report isolation or loneliness compared with those who haven't engaged.

Specific quality of life impacts



Those who say they're **not managing well** are particularly likely to say that their social life, day-to-day routines, falls and accidents, relationships and education are adversely affected.

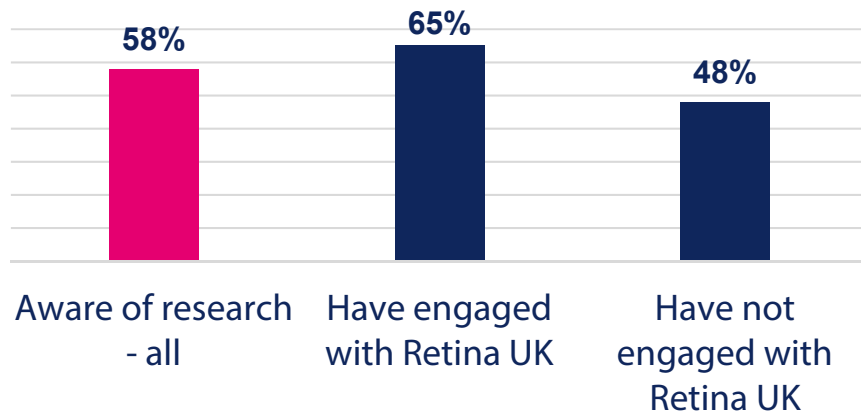
Aids, equipment and assistive technologies



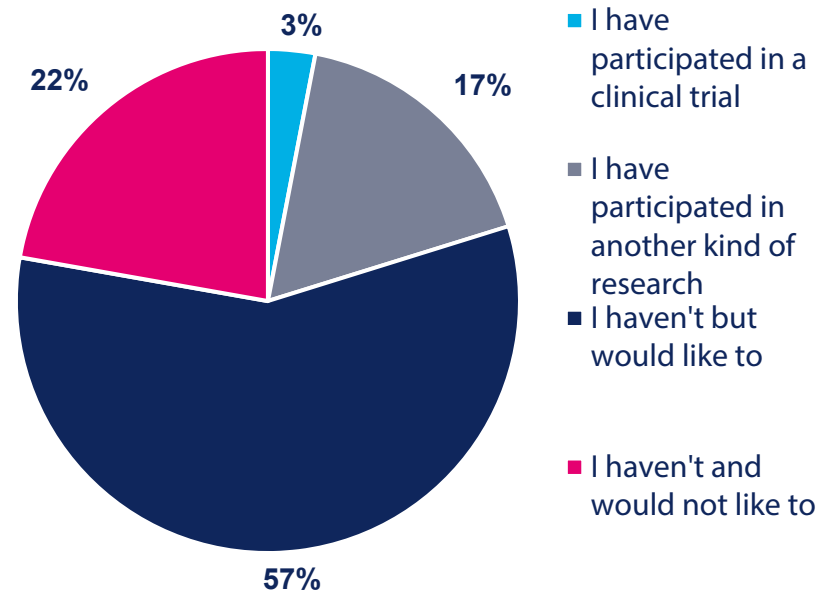
Awareness and participation in research

58% are aware of clinical trials or other ongoing research into their type of sight loss.

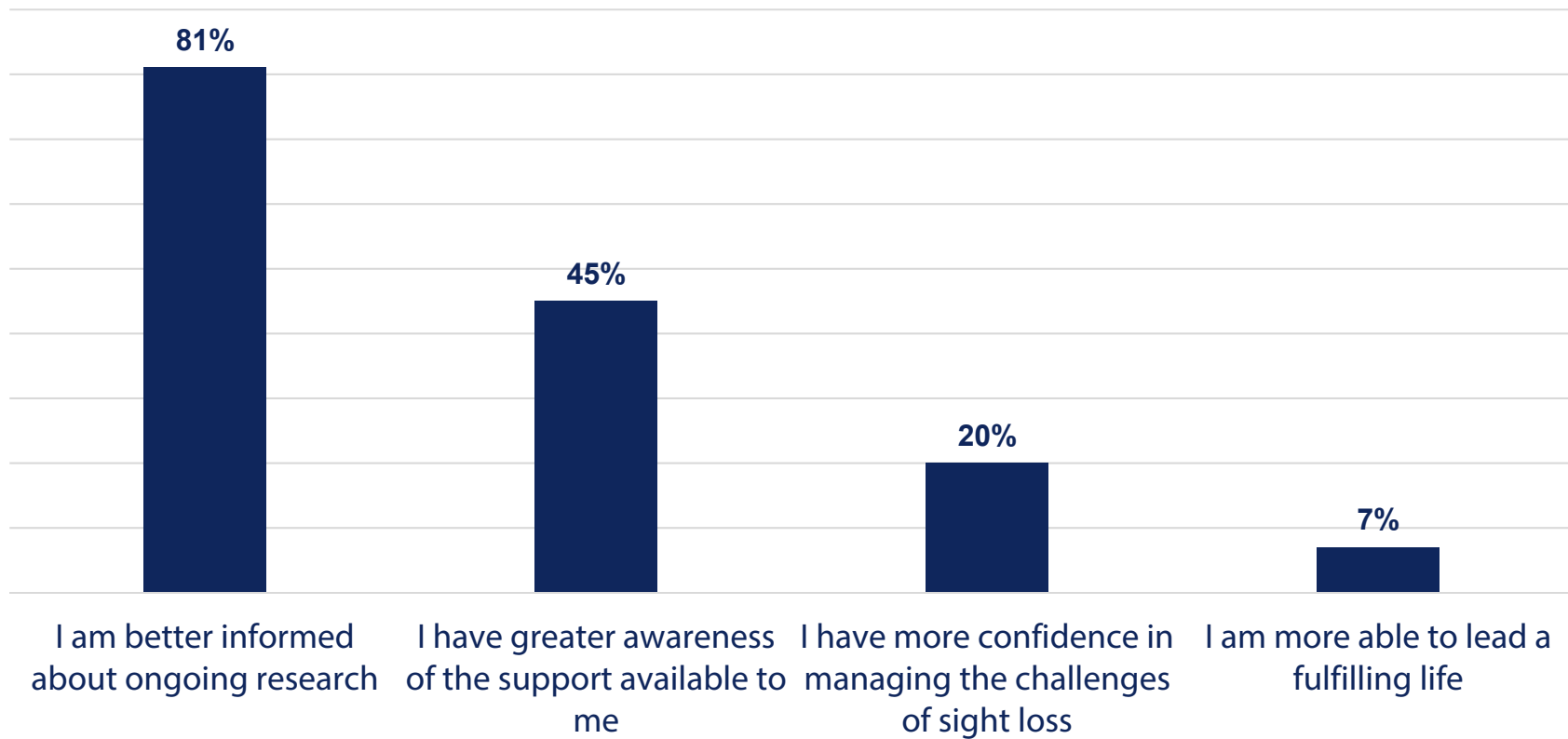
Awareness is much higher among those who have **engaged with Retina UK** compared with those who haven't (65% versus 48%).



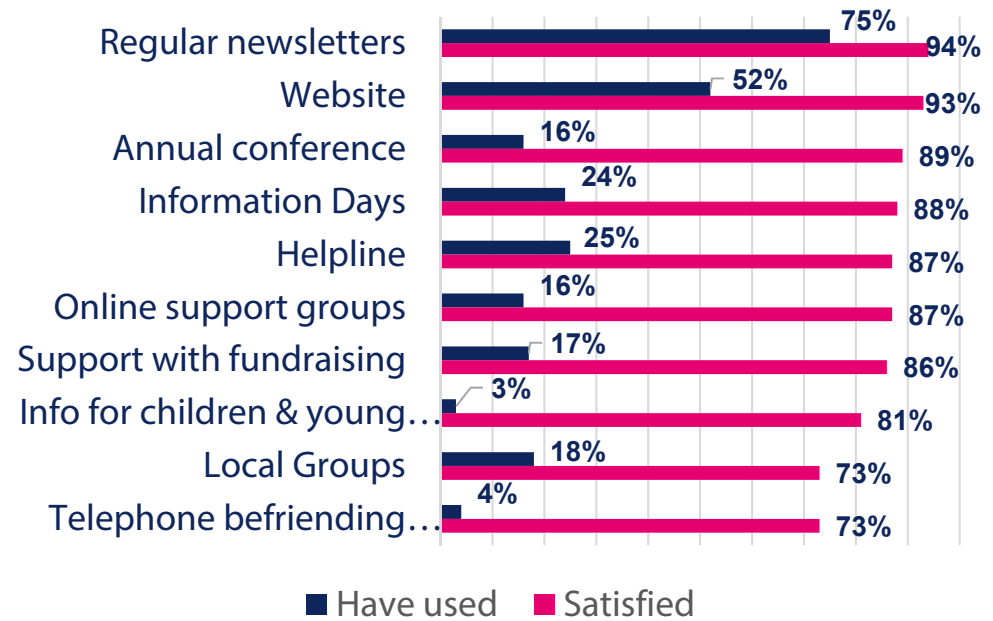
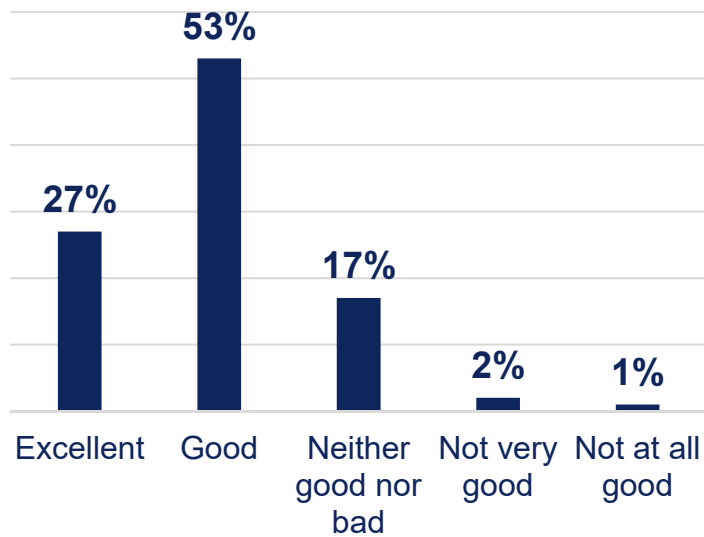
57% would like to participate in research but haven't yet. 20% have participated and 22% would not like to.



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