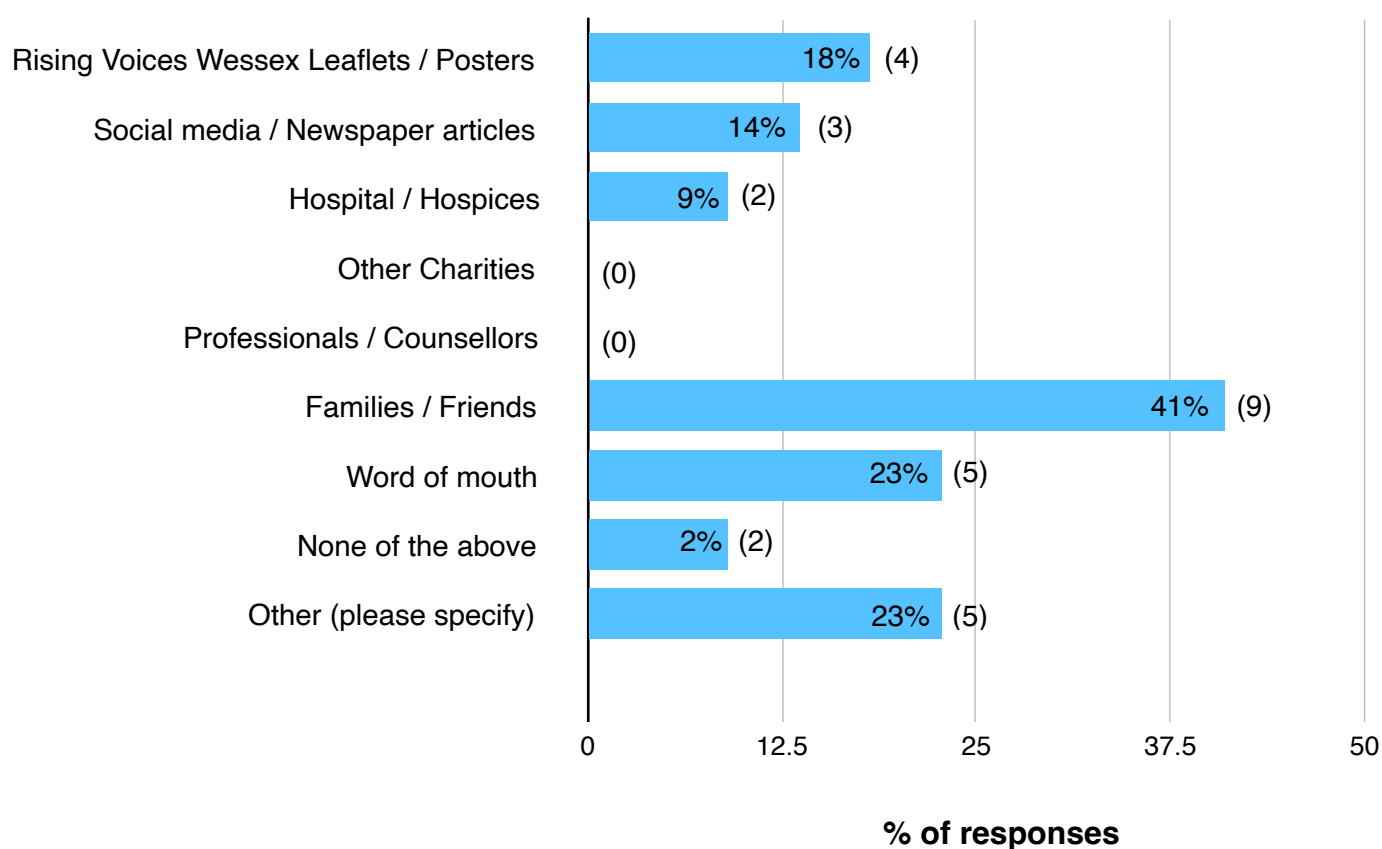


Rising Voices Wessex Annual Survey 2025 - Results



Q1. How did you first hear about Rising Voices Wessex? (tick as many as appropriate)

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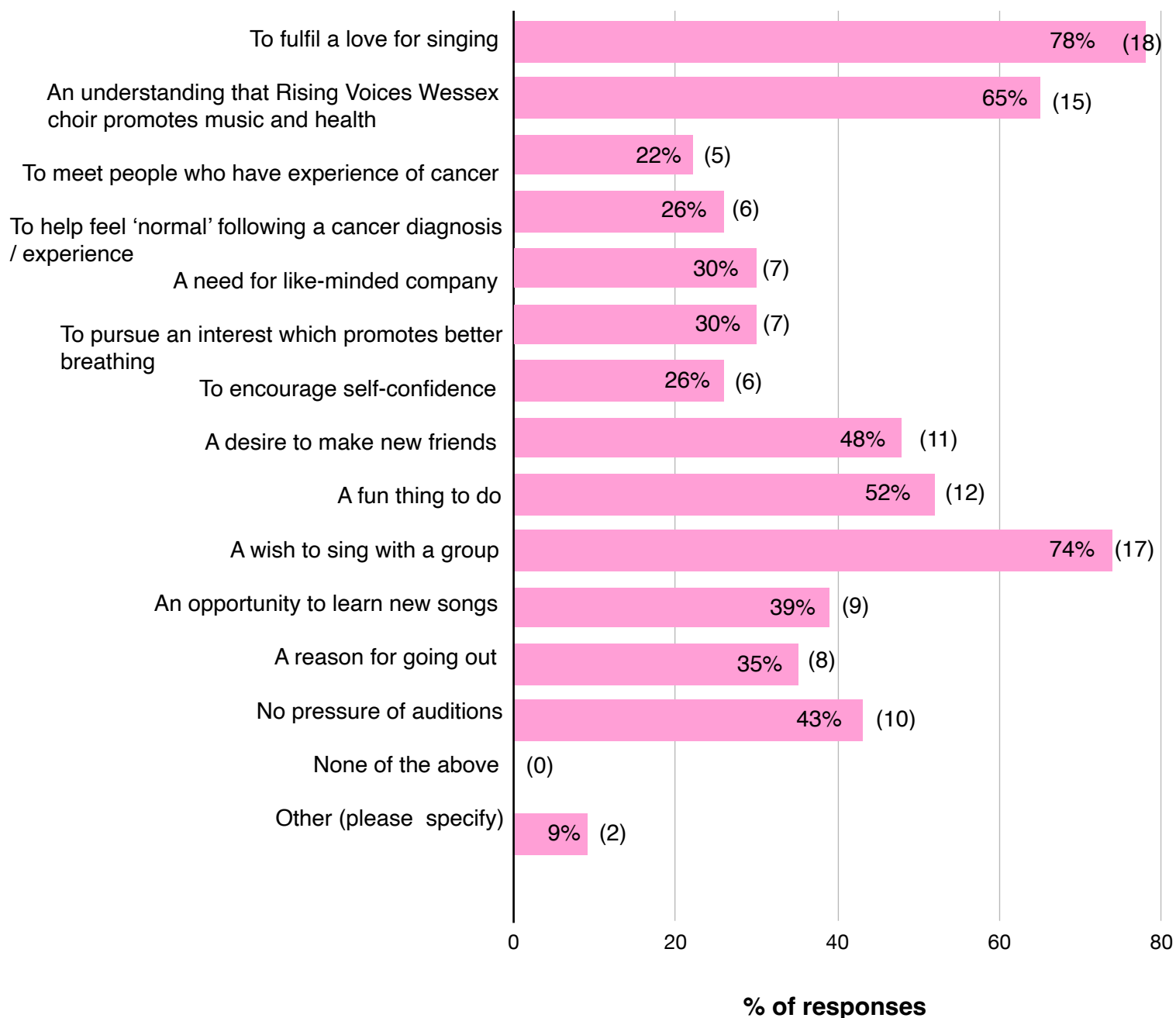


Q1. Other (please specify):

- Lunchtime concerts at St Aldhelm's church twice.
- You contacted my choir which was closing and they told me.
- I attended the Big Sing event at Bournemouth School for Girls.
- Met them at concert at St Aldhelm's as went to watch concert.
- When attending a carol concert at the Lighthouse in December 2013.

Q2. What attracted you to sing with Rising Voices Wessex choir? (tick as many as appropriate).

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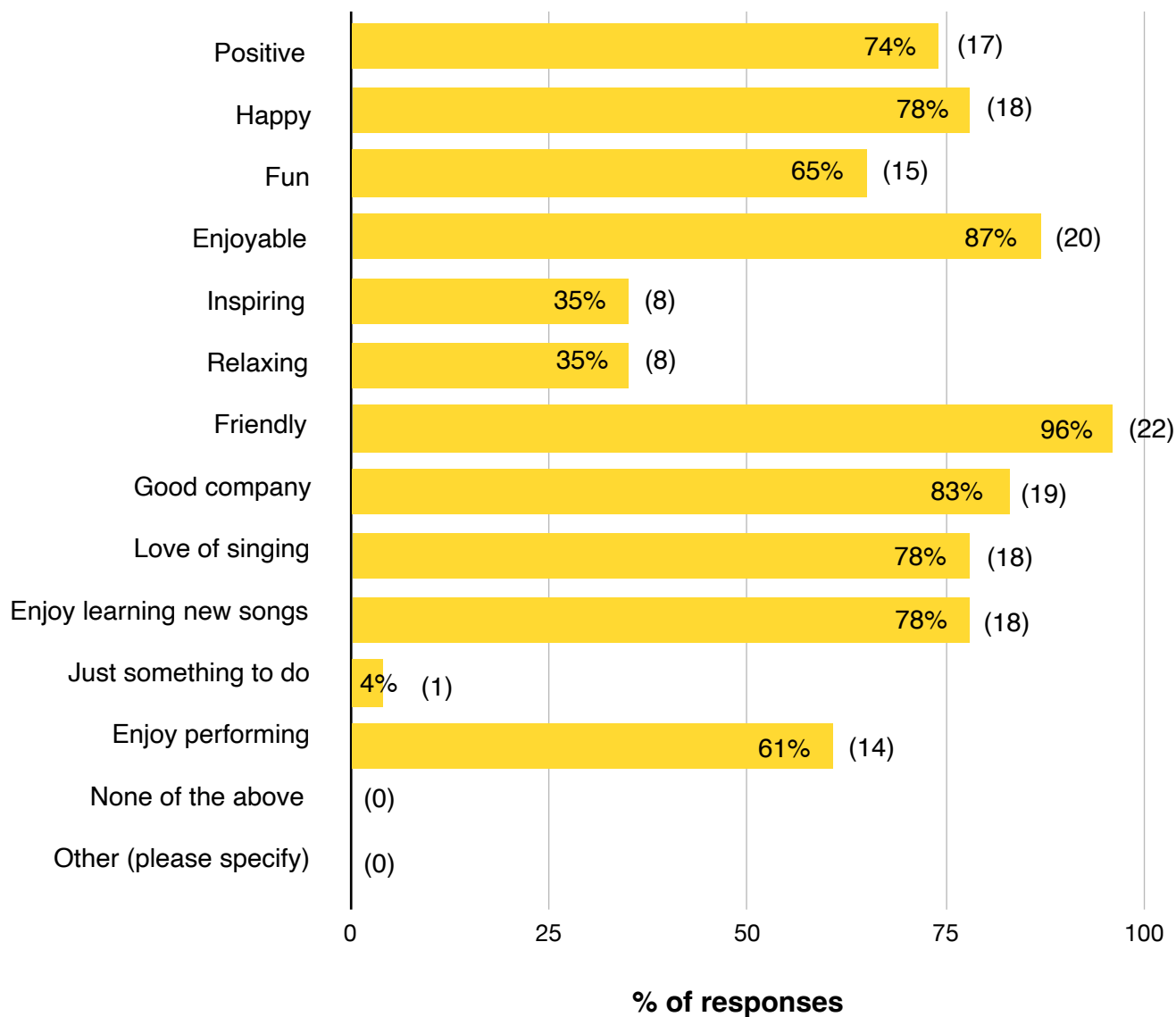


Q2. Other (please specify)

- To support my friend.
- Overall pleasure and joy from singing.

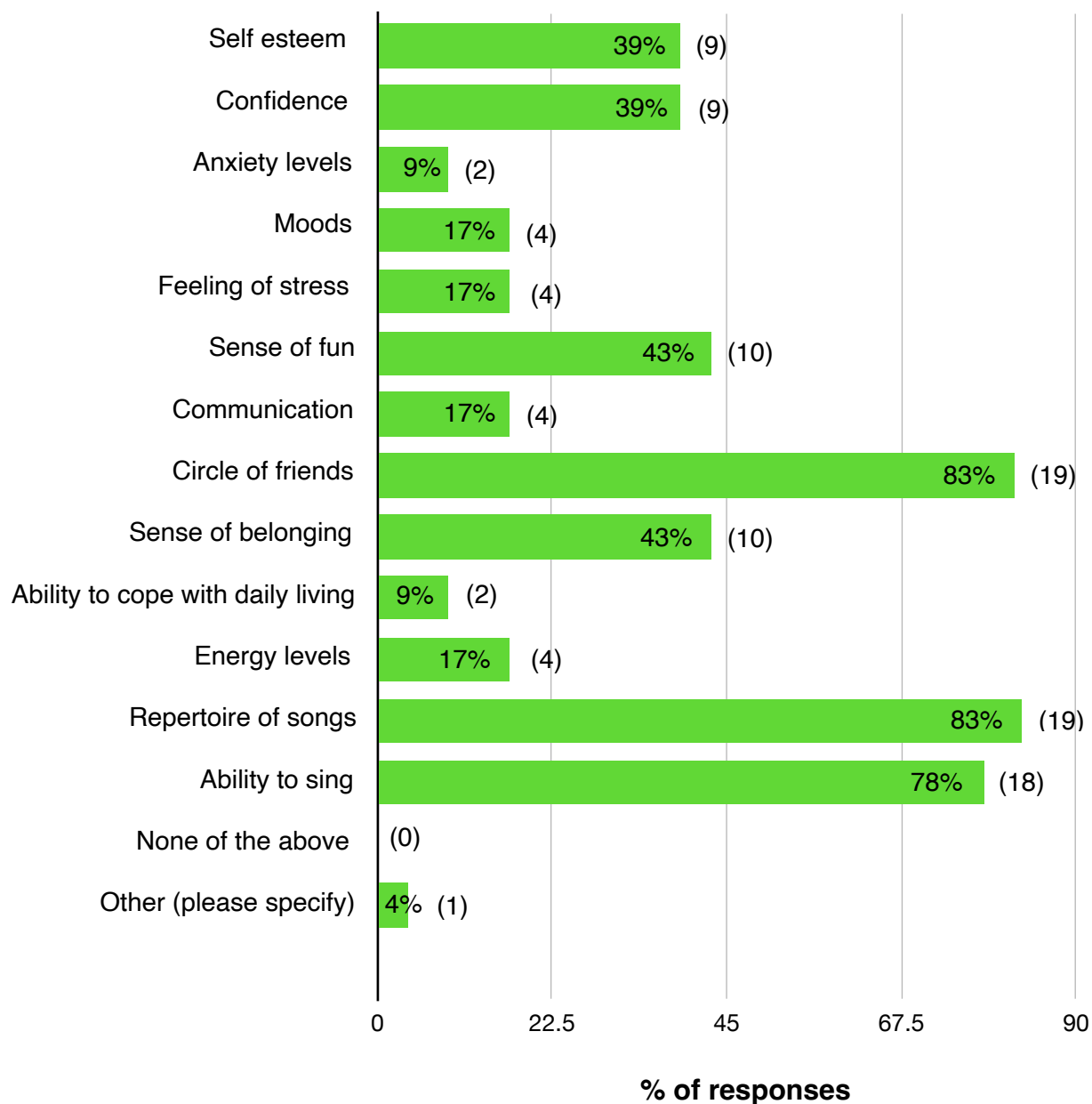
Q3. What best describes your experience with Rising Voices Wessex? (tick as many as appropriate).

Skipped: 0 Answered: 23 (number of responses shown in brackets)



Q4. I feel that attending choir has improved my (tick as many as appropriate)

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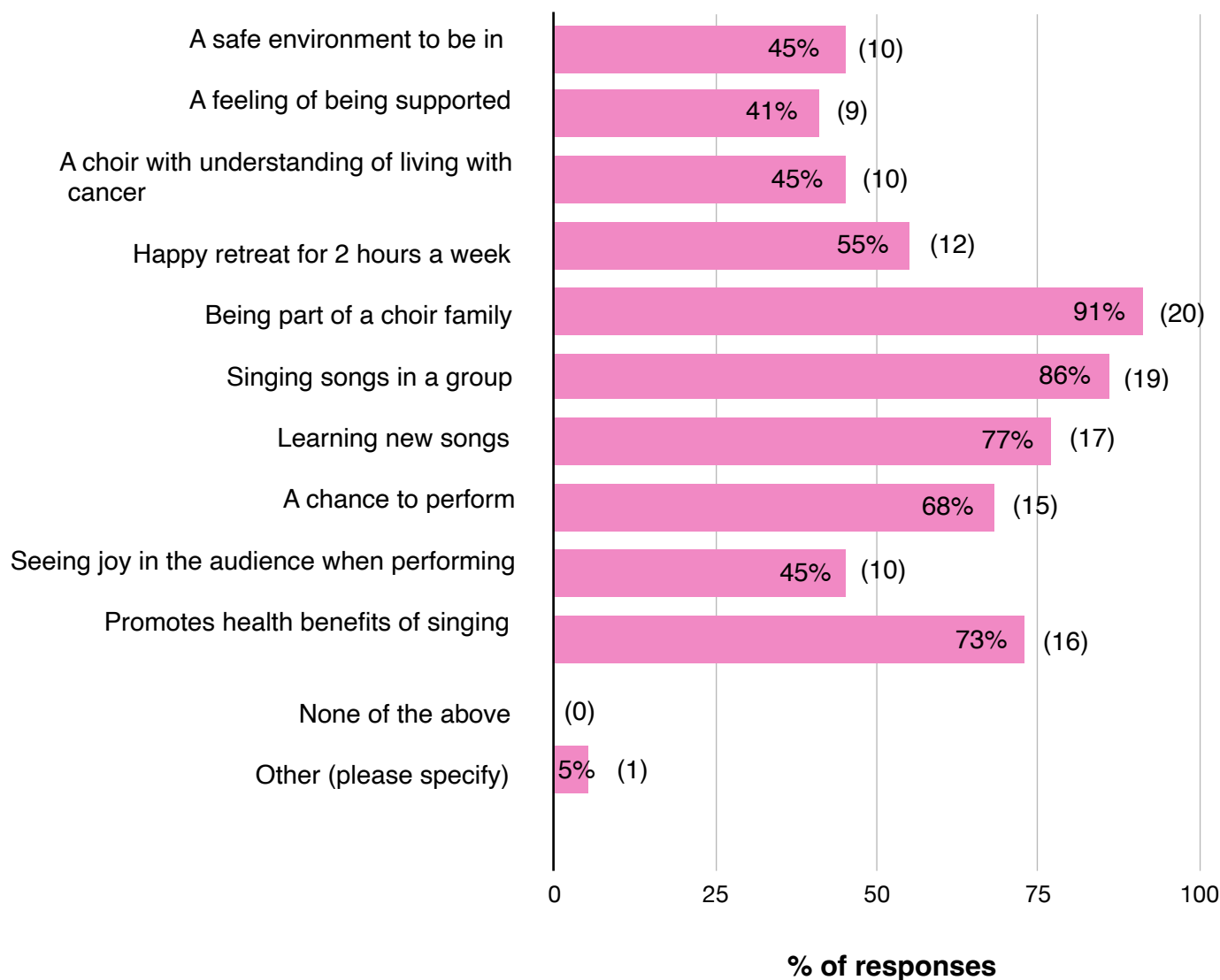


Q4. Other (please specify):

- I enjoy singing ... but would like to see male/female mix more.

Q5. What do you like best about Rising Voices Wessex? (tick as many as appropriate)

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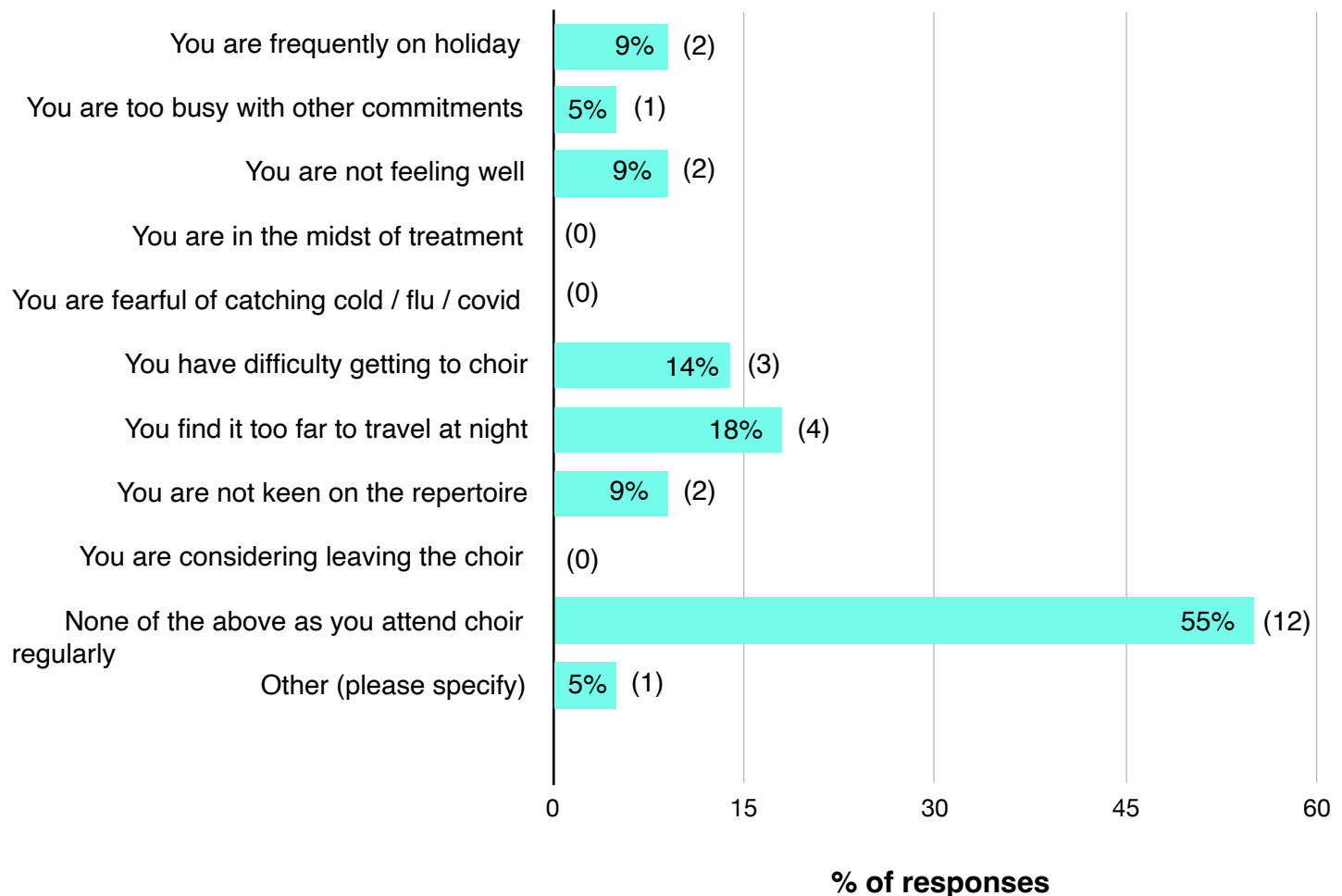


Q5. Other (please specify):

- 2 hours of enjoyable engagement

Q6. If you are unable to attend choir regularly, is it because? (tick as many as appropriate).

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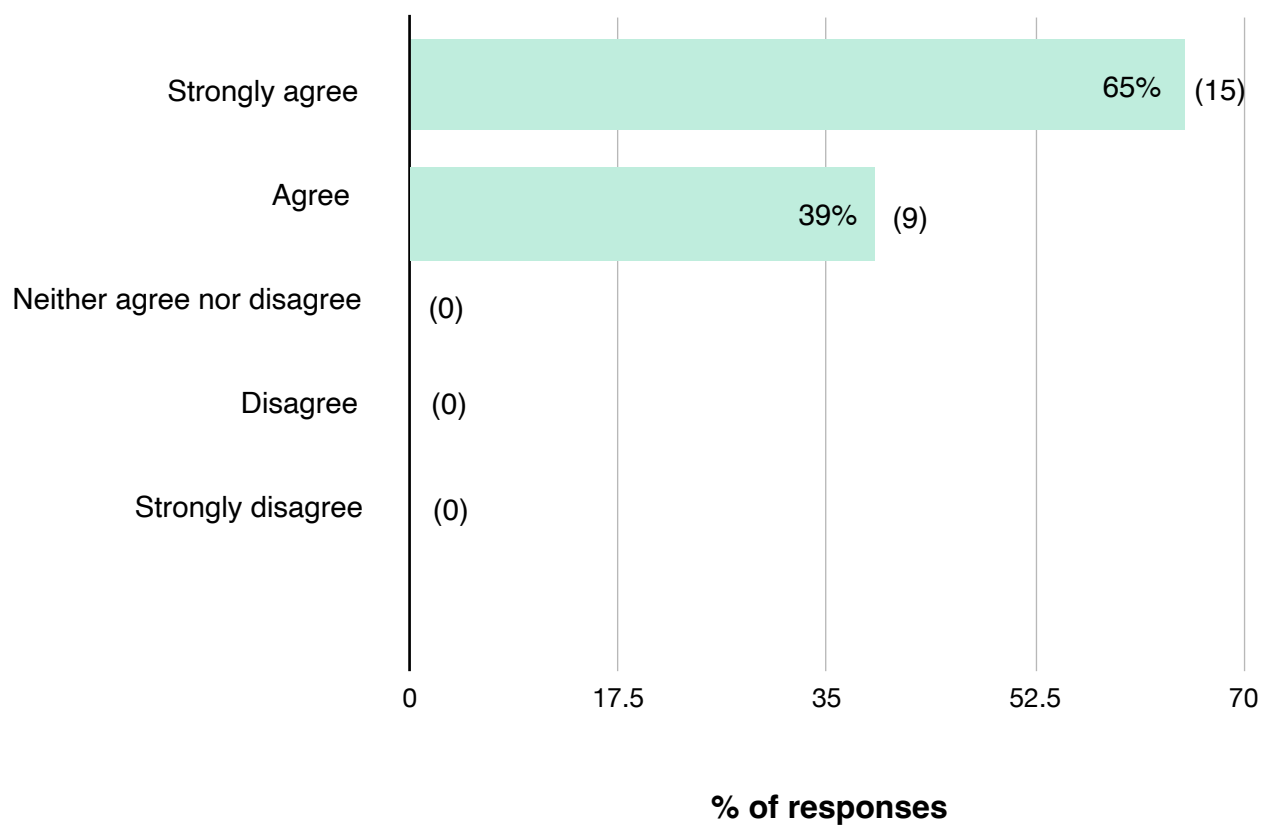


Q6. Other (please specify):

- I can only do alternate Tuesdays

Q7. The Trustees and Steering Group, who are all volunteers and are running the choir effectively (tick the most appropriate).

Skipped: 0 Answered: 23 (number of responses shown in brackets).



Q8. What do we do well in each of these areas? a) Choir rehearsal b) Lyrics sheets / Folders c) Repertoire / Song choices d) Events.

Please feel free to comment. Many thanks. Skipped: 1 Answered: 22

1) Choir Rehearsals:

- I think we do the best we can and everyone gets on.
- Always enjoy them. It makes me feel welcome straight away.
- Rehearsal are well run and they cater for all tastes.
- A lovely environment to sing with the choir family.
- We don't keep over and over the same song too many times.
- Lucky to have two excellent MDs.

2) Lyrics sheets / Folders:

- Brilliant distribution of lyrics.
- Useful and really good to have lyrics to sing and to learn new songs.
- A brilliant job to ensure everyone has song lyrics.

3) Repertoire / Song Choices:

- Members are pleased to have a hand in choosing what songs go in the core repertoire.
- Good range of songs to accommodate formal and informal events.
- Our 2 MDs are very different and thus provide a chance to sing a variety of songs. They are great at finding songs that are right for the choir.

4) Events:

- Good number of events and good general info eg. event board.
- Great to have many opportunities and a wide variety of settings of choir to sing in.
- Enjoyable mix over the years of formal and informal bookings.
- Events are well planned and choir evenings are well organised.
- Performing at events are the highlights of the choir.
- About the right number of events with plenty of notice.

Q9. What could we do better in each of these areas? a) Choir rehearsal b) Lyrics sheets / Folders c) Repertoire / Songs choices d) Events.

Please feel free to comment. Many thanks. Skipped: 4 Answered: 19

1) Choir Rehearsals:

- Always try to start on time and not to have too long a break time so we can sing for longer.
- Less time chatting in sing time. Unnecessary banter between members can be disruptive and they interrupt the flow of singing.
- Chatting and socialising reserved for break time.
- We need to trim expenses for the rehearsals.
- Provide a list of what are singing several days before.

2) Lyric Sheets / Folders:

- Try to prevent wastage, both in the amount of time spent giving out lyrics and cost of photocopying when giving out duplicated copies.
- Have lyrics for new songs ready for everyone to take a copy when they arrive OR place the new lyrics on the seats before rehearsal starts.
- Emailing scores to members beforehand, then those who are able can print them at home if they wish.
- A charge for lyrics would help some members to keep their music / lyrics in order?

3) Repertoire / Song Choices:

- Disappointed as most rehearsals seem to be of new randomly produced pieces rather than songs from the core repertoire.
- Repertoire is not to my taste. Requiem is not right for the choir. never usually say anything negative about choir because there is a lot of hard work behind the scenes.
- Some songs are challenging and outside of our ability.
- The aim of the choir sometimes gets forgotten.
- Stick to the repertoire once it is decided.
- Provide list of songs for rehearsal in more time.
- Sometimes harmonies take longer to pick up than MD thinks. Would be good to sing these ones at consecutive rehearsals. Having long gaps in between is not helpful.
- Adapting to the different styles of teaching by both MDs.
- More upbeat songs needed. Preference for more songs from musicals.

4) Events:

- Make sure we are well rehearsed for every event.
- Events could be better supported by members.
- Stop events which are less than 30 minutes.
- Location of events - not always on bus routes.
- Fewer Xmas events next time.

Q10. Any additional comments. Many thanks.

Skipped 3 Answered 18

- Some people need more part learning to feel confident with some of the songs.
- Make sure we all have the same song sheets.
- Inspiring.
- Core repertoire filled the folder - why are we adding more?
- Some songs are over sung (such as Chapel of Love).
- Running the choir is a massive job - a massive thank you to all the volunteers involved in making it such a fantastic choir to be part of.
- Not sure why we are not getting new members.
- Good to bring in fresh new songs.
- Having a repertoire of songs that we sing well is working out much better - helps to feel more confident at performances.
- Like the use of instruments in some of the songs - lucky to have musicians.
- Love my choir family.
- Enjoy Tuesday evening singing and camaraderies but can be frustrating at times.
- RV is very enjoyable choir, recommend to everyone for an enjoyable evening.
- Love coming to choir and have made good friends.
- Love to change the RV white T-shirts and blue tops.
- Have a soprano and alto stand at the front to hear the overall choir sound and feed could be interesting.