**Patching Party: Letter to Orthoptic Team Template**

**Subject:** Invitation to Collaborate: Hosting a Patching Party for Amblyopia Patients

**Dear Orthoptic Team,**

I hope this message finds you well. I am excited to share an opportunity for our team to come together in organising a **Patching Party** for our amblyopia patients at [Hospital Name].

For World Orthoptic Day 2025, National Patching Parties have been encouraged within hospital departments [**during the upcoming May Half Term / in May**] for amblyopia patients.

**Why a Patching Party?** Amblyopia is a challenging condition, often hard to treat due to difficulties with patching compliance. A patching party offers a creative and supportive way to:

* Make patching a positive and engaging experience to enhance compliance.
* Educate and support families with resources and a safe space for questions.
* Celebrate patients’ resilience while fostering a sense of community.
* Raise awareness about amblyopia and the critical role of Orthoptists

We plan to promote our activities on **World Orthoptic Day, 2nd June 2025**. In alignment with Disney Pixar’s new film release of *Elio*, featuring a boy with an eye patch, we hope to attract significant public attention and raise awareness of the orthoptic profession and amblyopia.

We are encouraged to take lots of consented photos and use **#WePatch** on social media, as well as send content with consent forms to visibilityleads@orthoptics.org.uk for promotion.

There are lots of resources available to help us prepare in the ‘Patching Party Pack’ on BIOS websites **#WePatch Section**: [orthoptics.org.uk/WePatch](http://orthoptics.org.uk/wepatch)

It would be fantastic if we could support this **#WePatch** campaign.

**Proposed Event Details:**
**Date:** [Insert Proposed Date]
**Time:** [Insert Proposed Time]
**Location:** [Hospital Name/Specific Venue]

We’ll schedule a planning meeting soon to finalise details and assign roles.

Thank you for your dedication to our patients and for considering this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the field of orthoptics.

Warm regards,

[Your Name]
[Your Position]
[Hospital Name]
[Contact Information]