**Patching Party: Letter to Play Specialists Template**

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

**Dear Play Specialists,**

I hope this message finds you well. I am excited to share an opportunity for us to collaborate in organising a **Patching Party** for our amblyopia patients at [Hospital Name]. Your expertise and creativity in engaging children through play will be invaluable in making this event a success.

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 together, and your involvement in planning and delivering the event will be critical to its success. Activities such as games, crafts, storytelling, and patch decorating could truly enhance the experience for our young patients.

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

It would be great to schedule a planning meeting soon to finalise details and assign roles should you be happy to get involved. Your creativity and expertise in engaging children will make this event memorable and impactful for our patients and their families.

Thank you for your dedication and for considering this wonderful opportunity to contribute to our amblyopia patients’ journeys while celebrating the field of orthoptics. I look forward to hearing your suggestions and hope to gain your support.

Warm regards,

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