The Impact of Orthoptists

Orthoptists assess, diagnose and treat eye movement problems - improving patient outcomes, reducing economic costs and having positive social impact.

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Child
with potential vision loss

- Early diagnosis and treatment - supports normal visual development
- Better learning and more opportunities to contribute economically as an adult
- Improved ability to learn and play, improved social relationships with peers

Teenager
with strabismus (squint)

- Validation of social issues, often leading to corrective surgery
- Increased confidence enabling higher educational achievement and improved job prospects
- May increase self-confidence, improve social interactions and have a positive impact on mental health

Older Adult
after stroke

- Adapting to loss of field of vision alongside managing double vision reduces risk of falls and increases effectiveness of rehabilitation
- Reduced length of hospital stay with incresed likelihood of returning home
- Reduced likelihood of social isolation as able to return to community activities, work and/ or driving

Adult
with a brain tumour

- Quicker access to diagnosis and treatment - timely management of double vision and other visual problems decreases their impact on daily living
- More likely to regain independence and return to work
- Increased independence with less reliance on others, better able to return to work/social activities and improved mental health.

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