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What helps with vision problems after stroke

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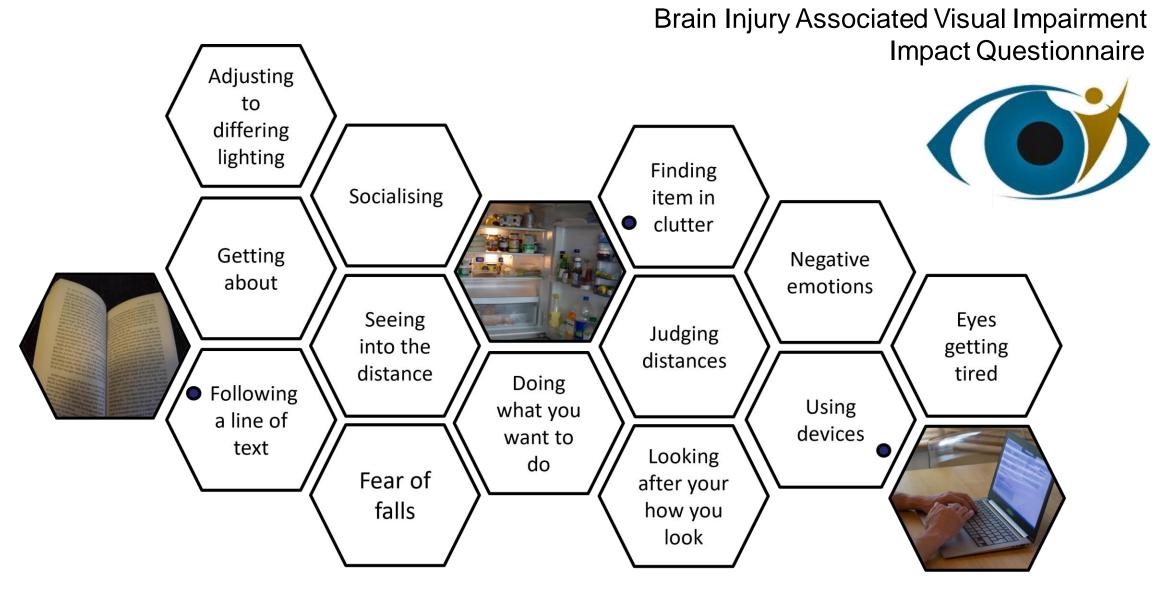




Conflict of interest

None to declare

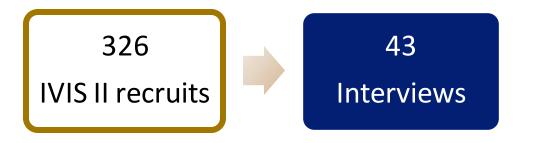
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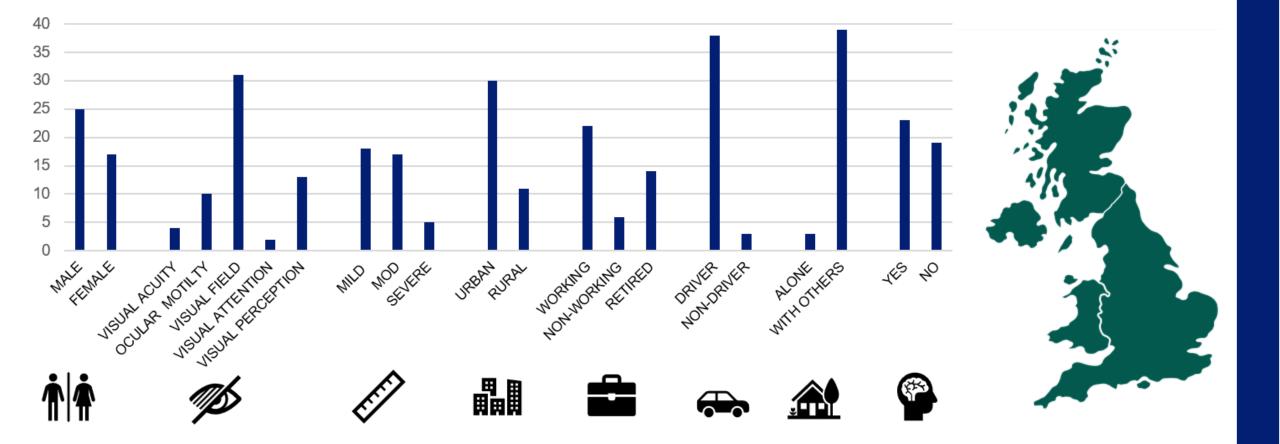


93% of stroke survivors with visual impairment

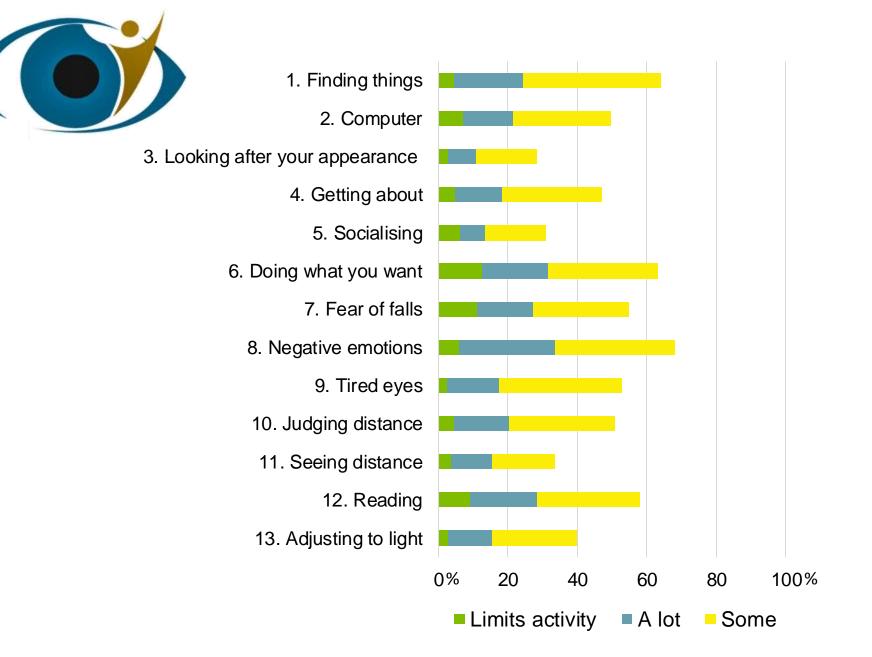








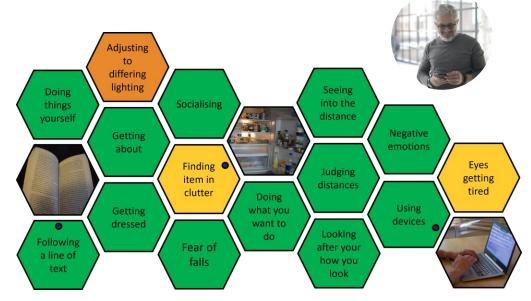
















Therapy



NATIONAL CLINICAL GUIDELINE FOR STROKE

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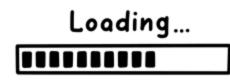
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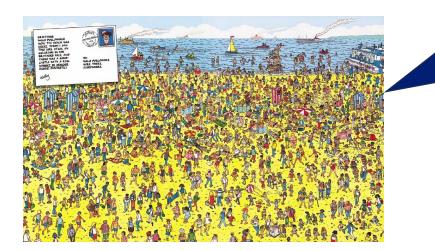






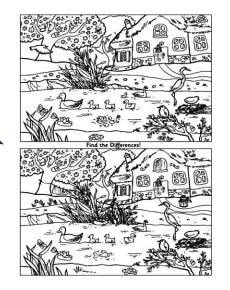


Therapy meets play



[Orthoptist] suggested one of those Where's Wally books to look, because she said there's a lot of detail going on and you've really got to scan through.

So she [OT] ...she talked me through the type of things that might help ... so the spot the differences, the word searches



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Online - Therapy

Dr. Sherylle Calder

I've also been doing err a thing called Eye Gym ... to work on that hand-eye coordination ... Formula 1 racing drivers use this, lots of basketball players, golfer and the greatest sports people it the world have an ability to predict and track erm the movement of a ball or a movement ... I spend time on that every single day









Apps - Support

Be My Eyes



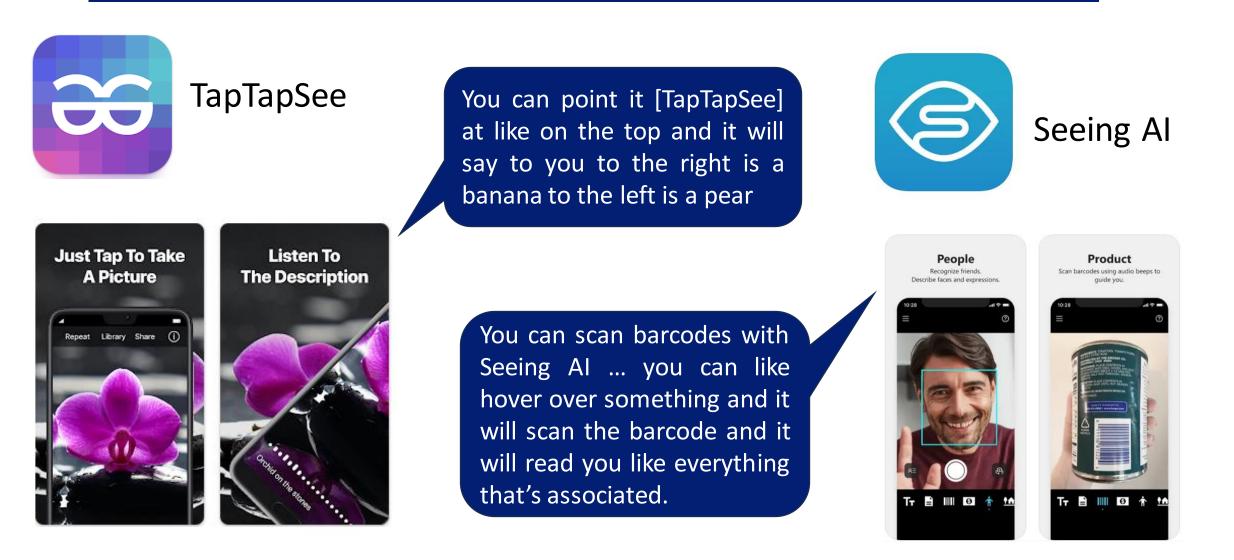




They'll [Be My Eyes] help you like if you've lost your keys but you know you left them in the living room, you can connect to them and then you can just show them round your living room and then they'll say like stop your keys are on like, there's a little table at the side of your black chair, there's your keys.



Apps - Support





Accessibility functions



I'm using some of the PowerToys that Microsoft have come up with ... I can now double click the control button, the whole screen turns translucent black and the mouse has a white big circle round it and it kind of zooms in. I have made adjustments on my mobile actually so it's got the yellow keyboard rather than the white one because I find the contrast best better. Oh I've got one of those at work as well actually, yellow keyboard with a black erm lettering on.







Everyday technology

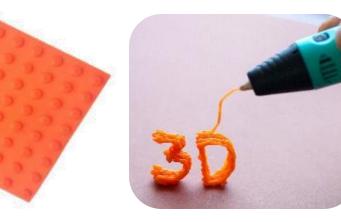
I play games on that [smart speaker] now and do quizzes and puzzles and things on that, just helps keep my brain ticking over. I can get my e-books on it as well if I want on Audible.



I will put audio things on more, although I've said I'm visual, I use my Alexa a lot if I'm cooking.



Gadgets

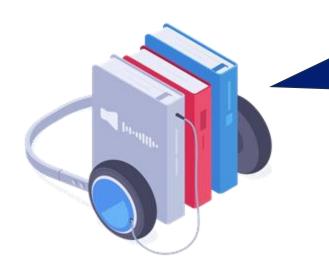




I use that, talking scales, like for your weights as in you as a person and like flour and sugar and stuff like that. ... what else have I got bump ons, like the orange bump ons, I've got those all over the house and I use the liquid bump on stuff as well.



Change to way of doing



I used to read a lot now I listen to audible books a lot more because it's just easier. Erm so I have a love of reading and books so why stop, just make it easier for yourself so listen to a book.

If I want to go to the supermarket I can't get there on public transport erm so I've had to start getting Gusto meals and Hello Fresh just so I can get food delivered. I don't like gardening at the end of the day because the sun comes down and I find that really difficult so I will do my gardening in the morning.





Information

Stroke

Association

Different Strokes

Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland





IRISH HEART FOUNDATION Fighting Heart Disease & Stroke



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FACE BLIND UK Living with Prosopagnosia

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Visual field loss following stroke or brain injury





Visual Perception Defects following Stroke or Brain Injury





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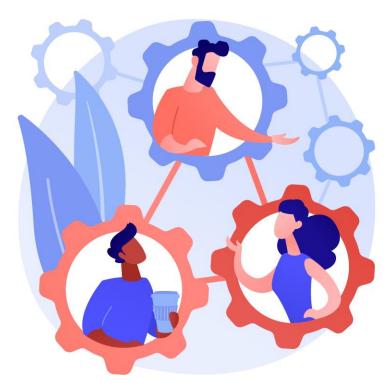
Eye movement problems following stroke and brain injury







Peer support



- In the home
- In the kitchen
- Outside
- Other
- Useful contacts

Life after Stroke with Visual Impairment



Hints and Tips from those with experience



Visibility & disclosure

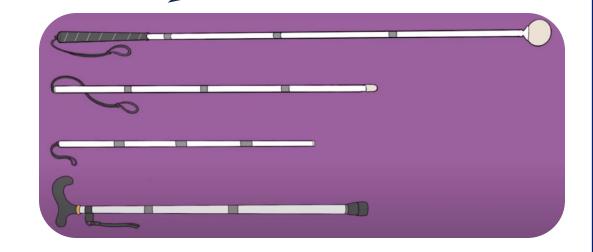
I refuse to explain myself the whole time. ... You know on the train people rush and my first experience on a train for a long time, was on Wednesday ... somebody said to me but don't you wear your sunshine lanyard and I said I do sometimes

I found that once I use that [symbol cane] people about half the time will at least pay attention and give you a little bit of erm a wider berth so you can navigate your way without them getting in your way

I've been able to start running a little bit and erm I do go out wearing a vest sort of saying visually impaired on it just in case, so people are aware in case

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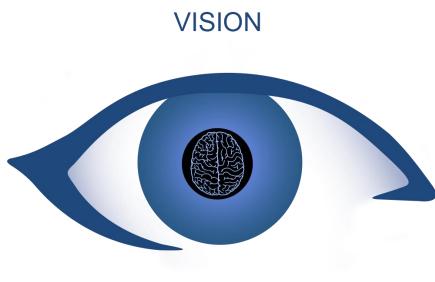
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