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Definition of significant refractive error

Type	Subtype	
Anisometropia	Hyperopia	1.50
	Myopia	2.00
Symmetrical	Hyperopia	4.50
	Myopia	3.00
Astigmatism		2.00

Children with lower degrees of refractive error may still benefit from refractive correction but should be managed by hospital eye services to enable exclusion of other causes of reduced vision

'Otherwise normal orthoptic exam'

Vision worse than 0.2 in one or both eyes but no other abnormality on orthoptic examination

Indications for further diagnostic testing (electrodiagnostic tests, retinal imaging, neuroimaging)

Otherwise normal orthoptic examination and no significant refractive error

Absence of clinical improvement despite refractive adaptation for presumed refractive amblyopia

Absence of clinical improvement despite penalisation (including occlusion / atropinisation) therapy for presumed strabismic or refractive amblyopia

Source: RCOphth Paediatric Subcommittee guidance on management of amblyopia