

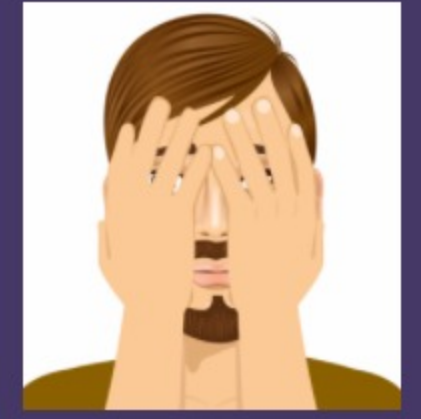
# BOTOX HELPS PARALYSED FACES

COMMONLY THOUGHT OF AS A COSMETIC TREATMENT, BOTOX IMPROVES THE LIVES OF PATIENTS WITH FACIAL PALSY.

**SYNKINESIS** IS A MEDICAL CONDITION OCCURRING AFTER FACIAL NERVE DAMAGE. ON HEALING, THE NERVES MAP TO THE WRONG PART OF THE FACE.



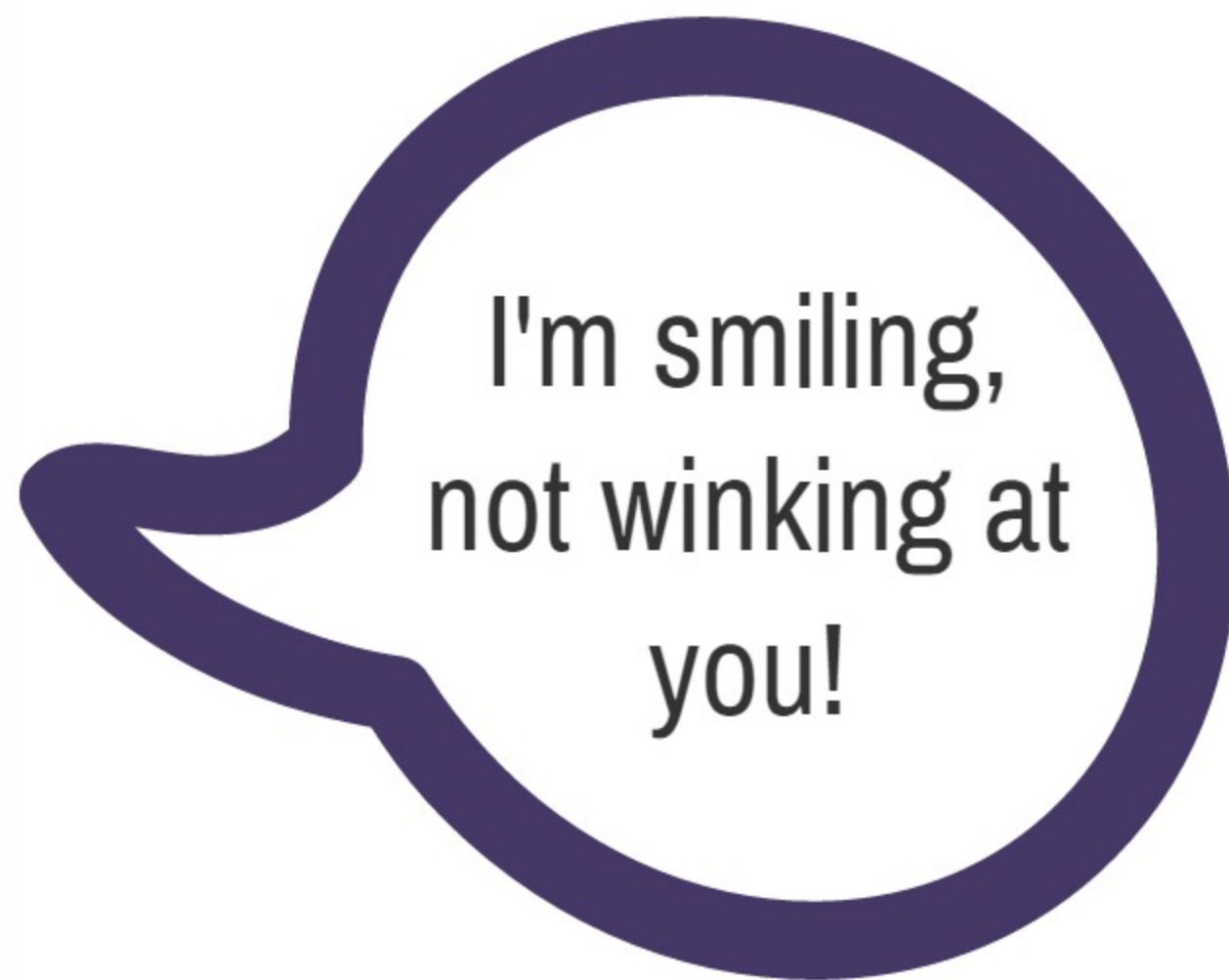
## WHEN FACIAL NERVES GO ROGUE



**SOCIAL ANXIETY**



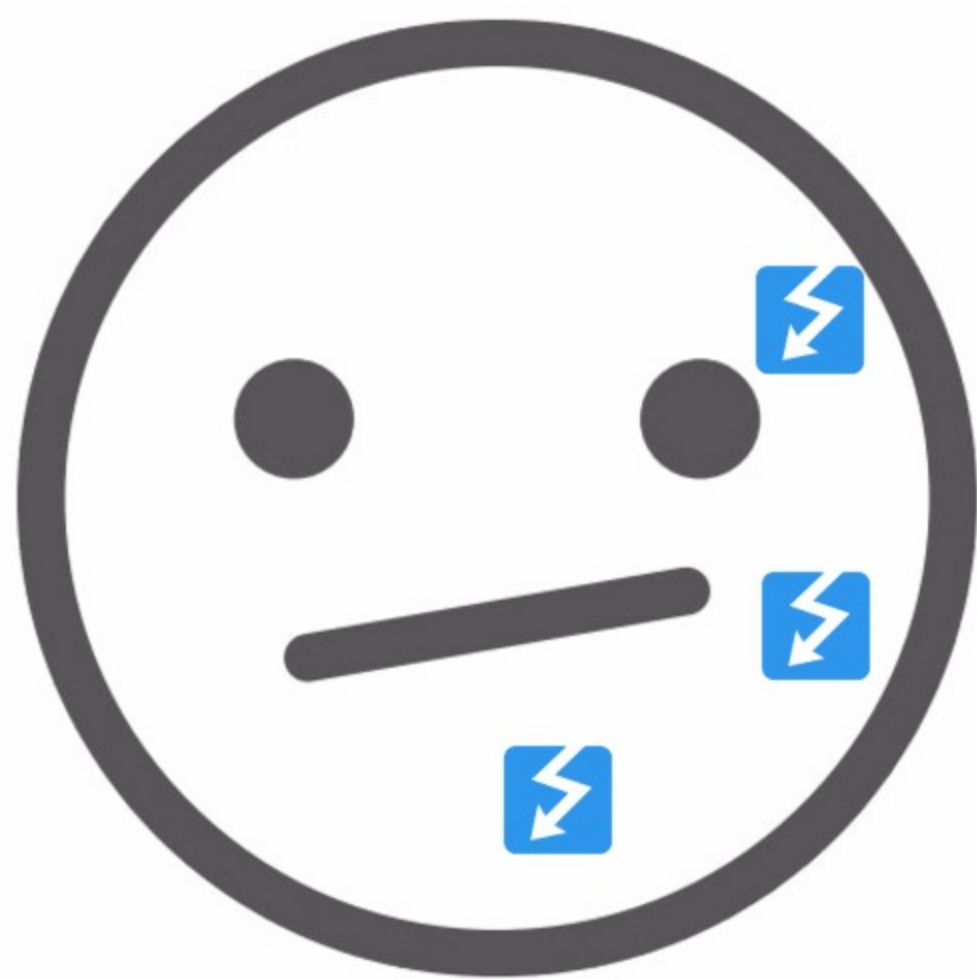
Eye closes every time I smile



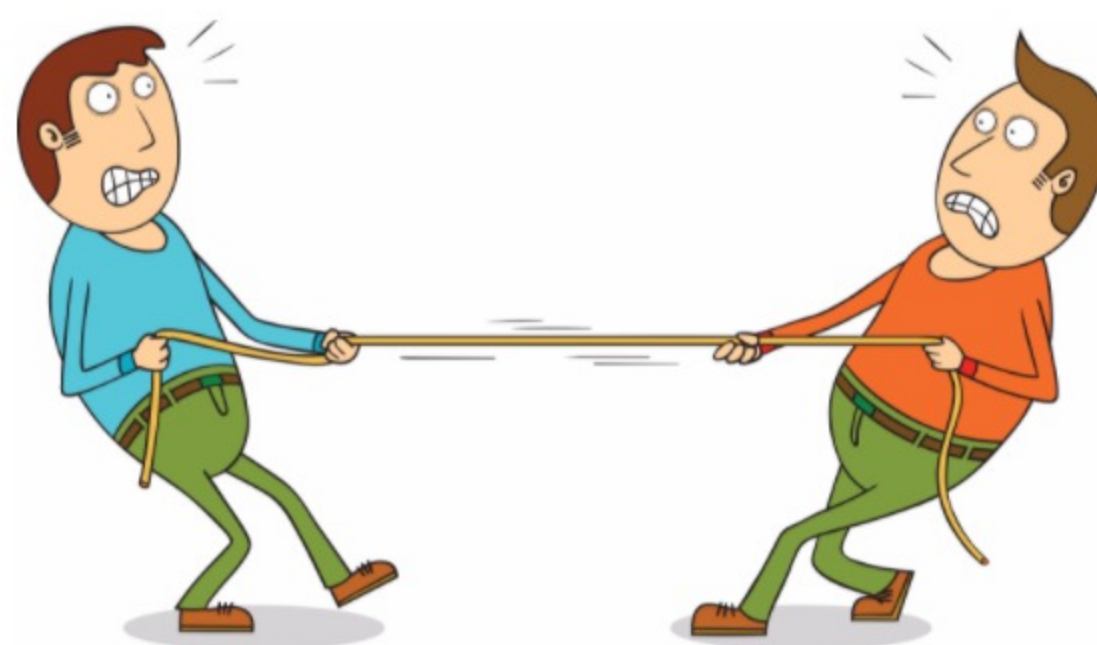
**FACIAL PAIN**



My face hurts



Twitching feelings



My muscles fight each other



Talking makes my face ache



Eating makes me cry



Botox injections can ease all of these symptoms, but only

**39%**

of CCGs will fund this treatment in the UK\*.

\*Article reference Kilshaw AD, et al., Funding in facial palsy, Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery (2016), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.bjps.2016.08.008>

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