



## meet joshua coote

who lives with  
marfan syndrome

Fourteen-year-old Joshua of Nelson was formally diagnosed with Marfan Syndrome which can affect the skeleton, eyes, heart and blood vessels when he was eight. He underwent his first operation when he was eight weeks old and had early intervention with physiotherapy from the time he was 12 months old. The disease causes very low muscle tone and he has undergone orthopaedic surgery.

He lives with his mother Sarah and Labrador dog Lucy. His grandmother Janet also lives close by.

Joshua loves planes, maps, weather and listening to music.



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Joshua Coote  
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