

The Child Brain Injury Trust is a national charity supporting anyone affected by childhood acquired brain injury. The following information has been developed to help the reader understand more about brain injury and some of the associated issues. Every effort has been taken to ensure the information is accurate and up to date. If you require more immediate support or assistance please contact our **Helpline 0303 3032248** or email helpline@cbituk.org where we will be able to respond to your specific enquiry and offer support.

Child and Family Support

Child and Family Support Coordinators provide children, young people and families with the support that they need in order to live their lives to the full within their local community. Staff and volunteers within our projects understand acquired brain injury. They have excellent knowledge of local services that families might need.

What sort of support can families expect?



Direct support for families in hospital and at home:

- 24 hour national helpline
- Support for children and young people in education
- Social opportunities for children, young people and families
- Calendar of social and practical events
- Training and information for parents and carers
- Training and information for professionals
- Useful leaflets, booklets and other resources
- Informative website and Facebook page
- Small grants programme

Why?

Every 30 minutes, a child or young person will acquire a brain injury. This could be the result of:

- An accident
- Illness, such as meningitis or encephalitis
- Poisoning
- Stroke
- Brain tumour

A brain injury has a devastating and life-long impact on the child and their whole family. Bones can mend and scars can heal but a brain injury stays with you for life and impacts on everything you think, feel and do.

As the child develops their support needs can change. Child and Family Support Coordinators are able to provide support during every stage of development, working with the child, family, teachers, educational specialists, health and social workers, psychologists, and a wide range of professionals to help to demystify acquired brain injury in children and help to implement appropriate support strategies.

When?

There is no time limit on the support that we offer. It's about being available to families as and when they need it. The sooner we can get a referral, the more help we can provide, and the quicker the children, young people and their families can start to receive the support they need.

Where?

The Child Brain Injury Trust currently has dedicated Child and Family Support projects throughout most areas of the UK. Please contact our Helpline (numbers below) to get in touch with your Regional Coordinator.

Who?

Anyone can refer to our Child and Family Support service, parents and guardians can even self-refer. We work closely with statutory and non-statutory services, and receive a lot of self-referrals from parents and young people affected by childhood acquired brain injury.

For further information, or to make a referral, contact the **Child Brain Injury Trust on 0303 303 2248** or helpline@cbituk.org

www.childbraininjurytrust.org.uk for further details about the services we offer.

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