



Acquired brain injury: key facts

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In numbers

(Source – 2013/14 NHS Standard Contract for Paediatric Neurosciences: Neurorehabilitation)

35,000

The total number of children admitted to hospital for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) per annum in the UK. Of these, approximately:

2,000

will have sustained severe TBI

3,000

will have sustained moderate TBI, and

30,000

will have sustained mild TBI

Cases where children are not admitted to hospital and the number of children who acquire an ABI following childhood meningitis are NOT included in these figures, but will account for MANY more young people.

These figures are only for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) which is when there has been a blow to the head and is only one cause of ABI.

Many children are not admitted to hospital following a minor head injury and will not be included in these figures. The number of children who acquire an ABI

following childhood meningitis, stroke, tumour etc are

NOT included in these figures either but will account for MANY more young people affected by this hidden disability.

ABI

the facts

Possible causes of acquired brain injury (ABI)



What is ABI?

An ABI is an injury to the brain that takes place after normal development and is often characterised by:

- 1. History of prior learning**
Reduced ability to learn new information
- 2. Past experiences**
Used to be able to....
- 3. Noticeable changes**
Not part of normal character/behaviour
- 4. Difficulties with insight**
Difficulty fitting in and understanding the world around them

200-300

Annual number of new cases of childhood stroke

Common areas of difficulty



Neurodevelopmental disorder

Reported prevalence rates amongst young people in the general population.



¹TBI excludes brain injury acquired as a result of illness (meningitis, epilepsy or measles), tumours, strokes, poisoning and lack of oxygen

²McKinley et al, 2008; McGuire et al, 1998

Data Source – "Nobody made the connection" Report for Children's Commissioner October 2012

Approximate number of new cases of brain tumour per year

525

Q: What makes children with ABI different to other children with SEN?

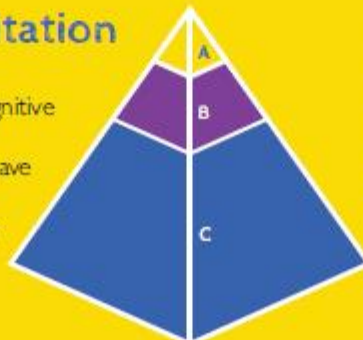
A: Because the brain does not finally mature until the early 20's, the extent of their brain injury and subsequent difficulties may change over time.



The total number of UK children aged 1-16 years who sustain non-traumatic coma

School as rehabilitation

- A - Life limiting injuries
- B - Moderate physical and /or cognitive disabilities
- C - 90% of children with an ABI have mild to moderate difficulties and will return to mainstream school for the next phase of their rehabilitation



Do you know how to support children with an ABI in school?

Turn over for a list of helpful resources

Resources

To learn more about acquired brain injury (ABI) and how you could support a child in school we have plenty of resources to help you:

One Day Workshop

"Don't Judge a book by its Cover", these are held throughout the UK and are offered free of charge to education professionals. This Workshop can also be delivered as In Service Training in schools. (Please contact us for details.)

Online Learning

Webinars (on-line seminars) one hour sessions looking at topics from Basic Brain Functions to Support Strategies in School and many others focusing on specific aspects of how an ABI can impact in school, in areas such as: Social Skills, Attention and Concentration, Organisation and Planning, Fatigue, Memory and Behaviour.

Booklet

Strategies for Supporting a child in school following an acquired brain injury

Factsheets on a whole range of areas and issues.

The Child Brain Injury Trust have a team of Regional Child and Family Support Coordinators who are also able to provide support and information directly to your school. They are also able to offer staff ABI awareness and pupil peer awareness sessions.

Please visit our website or contact our Advice, Information and Referrals Service (Tel: 0303 303 2248 or email: info@cbituk.org) to find about how we can help you to support children in your school following childhood acquired brain injury.



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