

Support for families following childhood acquired brain injury



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What is an acquired brain injury?

An acquired brain injury or ABI is something that occurs after birth, or a period of normal development. There are many causes of an ABI including an accident, illnesses such as meningitis, strokes and brain tumours. It can also occur as a result of surgery to address another issue. Brain injury will affect everyone differently but may have a devastating and lifelong impact on the child and their family.

We have nearly 30 years experience in helping children and families to come to terms with what has happened, and help to fill the gaps in services and build bridges to access existing services.

A brain injury will affect each person differently, but there are some common issues:

- Attention and concentration problems
- Fatigue
- Memory problems
- Communication difficulties
- Behavioural issues
- Problems with social skills
- Difficulties with organisation and planning (i.e. remembering everything they need for school)
- Changes in the way they perceive themselves, others and the world around them.



How the Child Brain Injury Trust can help you...

We are a charity that provides emotional and practical support to children, young people and their families. We offer information for the child or young person themselves, their families and any professionals who support them. As a charity our services are free for the families we support.

"It is good to be able to just pick up the phone and ask for advice or just have someone with an understanding to talk to."

Katie Wightman, parent

We're here to help

We have a dedicated team of expert ABI Coordinators working across the UK in hospitals, home, schools and the community providing:

- One-to-one emotional and practical support through our Brain Injury Service
- Expert support to teaching staff and schools
- Sibling support
- Advice on small grants and benefits
- Regional access to expert legal advice.
- Transition support in hospital, home and school
- Social Events for all the family
- Support through social media, email or face to face
- Signposting.





Are you aware that ABI is three times more common than Dyslexia, ADHD, Autism and other Learning Difficulties?

Information

There are many issues families can face when living with an ABI. The resources we provide have been produced by experts and written in a way that is easy to understand.

Our information resources include:

- Website
- Factsheets and publications explaining how to deal with different issues children and families may experience
- Webinars (on line presentations) covering a variety of topics, to help inform and support.

One in 30 children will have an acquired brain injury by the age of 17

To understand more about acquired brain injury...

Childhood acquired brain injury is often a hidden disability and can sometimes require complex solutions.

Therefore we offer the following for professionals:

- Workshops introducing ABI, what to look out for and strategies to help
- E-learning and webinars covering many aspects of childhood ABI
- Bespoke training for education, youth offending, social services and health professionals
- Conferences and exhibitions
- Tailor-made courses to meet your organisation's training needs.

"A fantastic event and course. Good resources and a very approachable trainer."

Deputy Head, teacher

"The Child Brain Injury Trust has been a lifeline. Without their support I'd have been left totally isolated."

Teresa McKee, parent

Further details

The Child Brain Injury Trust supports children, young people, and families affected by childhood acquired brain injury. We provide emotional and practical support for children with an acquired brain injury and their families. For more information please visit our website or contact us using the information below. As a charity we rely on donations to keep our service free of charge, so please consider how you can help support us.

See our website for details of how to donate.

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