

Brain injury resources

Key resources

- **Acquired brain injury and neurorehabilitation: time for change** by the APPG on Acquired Brain Injury
- **Cognitive-Communication Evidence Application for Speech-Language Pathologists/Therapists: Map of Clinical Recommendations for Adults with Acquired Brain Injuries (CCEAS MAP: ADULT ABI)** by E. MacDonald and E. Shumway
- **INCOG 2.0 Guidelines for Cognitive Rehabilitation Following Traumatic Brain Injury, Part IV: Cognitive-Communication and Social Cognition Disorders** by L. Togher et al.
- **Introducing the model of cognitive communication competence: a model to guide evidence-based communication interventions after brain injury** by S. MacDonald.
- **RCSLT CCD guidance**
- **The Cost of Acquired Brain Injury to the UK Economy: Right to Rehab** by the APPG for Acquired Brain Injury

Key dates

- Brain injury awareness month (USA) – March
- **Headway's Action for Brain Injury (ABI) week** – May
- National concussion awareness day – third Friday in September

Articles and publications

- **ADHD and acquired brain injury** article in Neuro Rehab Times
- **Brain injury in the context of domestic abuse: too many to count** by Brainkind
- **Collaborative Brain Injury Intervention: Positive Everyday Routines** by M. Ylvisaker and T. Feeney
- **Domestic Abuse and Brain Injury: A Link Often Missed** by S. Ali
- **Ethnic differences in traumatic brain injury** by D. Earnshaw at Brainkind
- **Reflections on Dobermanns, poodles, and social rehabilitation for difficult-to-serve individuals with traumatic brain injury** by M. Ylvisaker and T. Feeney
- **Social and Communication Disorders Following Traumatic Brain Injury** by S. McDonald et al.
- **Substance Misuse and Acquired Brain Injury** by G. Seale
- **Systemic Approaches to Brain Injury Treatment: Navigating Contemporary Practice** by N. Boakye and A. Mwale
- **The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Workbook** edited by R. Winson et al.
- **Transforming Cognitive Rehabilitation: Effective Instructional Methods** by M. Sohlberg et al.
- **Traumatic brain injury and offending: An economic analysis** Centre for Mental Health report by M. Parsonage

Screening tools

- **BISI: brain injury screening index** by Brainkind
- **Cognitive-Communication Checklist for Acquired Brain Injury** by S. MacDonald (can be used for children and adults)
- Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool (CHAT)
- **SCAT3 sport concussion assessment tool**

Clinical resources

- **ABI Communication Lab** resources – includes the social brain toolkit (**Interact-ABI-lity**, **Social-ABI-lity** and **Convers-ABI-lity**)
- **Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI)** – includes a number of assessment and intervention resources for SLTs
- **Mental Capacity Assessment Support Toolkit (MCAST)**
- **NeuroBITE: NeuroRehab Evidence Resource** – a database listing studies of treatments for symptoms of ABI
- **PrOject ImplementatiON (POTION)** – a resource highlighting project-based interventions in clinical practice
- **Rehabilitation Matters** blog by Professor Derick Wade – details aspects of rehabilitation
- **SpeechBITE** – a database listing evidence on speech and language therapy treatments
- **TBIBank** – a shared database of multimedia interactions for the study of communication in people with TBI
- **The Evidence-Based Review of Moderate-to-Severe Acquired Brain Injury (ERABI)**
- **Training Communication (TANGO): Partners of people with acquired brain injury** – a study detailing communication partner training programmes for ABI

Charities

- [Brainkind](#)
- [The Brain Charity](#)
- [The Brain Tumour Charity](#)
- [Brain Injury Matters](#)
- [Change Grow Live](#)
- [The Children's Trust](#)
- [Dyscover](#)
- [FND Action](#)
- [FND Hope UK](#)
- [FND FrieNDs](#)
- [The FND Society](#)
- [Headway: the brain injury association](#) (has printable information, videos and educational materials for individuals and families)
- [Head Injury Information Directory \(HIID\)](#)
- [Heads Together](#)
- [The Neurological Alliance](#)
- [Pink Concussions](#)
- [SameYou](#)
- [Scottish Head Injury Forum \(SHIF\)](#)
- [Silverlining Brain Injury Charity](#)
- [Stroke Association](#)
- [United Kingdom Acquired Brain Injury Forum \(UKABIF\)](#)

Research networks

- **The Brain Injury Social Work Group (BISWG)** – practical guidance for social care professionals
- **Community Rehabilitation Research Network (CRRN)** – NIHR-funded network for community-based research projects
- **Heads Together** – NIHR-funded collaboration across universities in the UK, exploring brain injury social work education
- **Society for Research in Rehabilitation (SRR)** – UK multidisciplinary group
- **United Kingdom Acquired Brain Injury Forum**

Clinical excellence networks (CENs)

See [RCSLT's CEN directory](#) for further information. Some useful CENs could include:

- Acquired brain injury (ABI) CEN
- Acquired brain injury in children and adolescents (ABICA) CEN
- Adult acquired dysphagia CEN
- Eating and drinking with acknowledged risks (EDAR) CEN
- FND CEN
- Homelessness CEN
- Medico-legal CEN
- Mental capacity CEN
- Neuropsychiatry CEN
- Paediatric dysphagia CEN
- Clinical academics in SLT CEN

Children and young people specific resources

General information

- [Social communication after childhood traumatic brain injury](#) by V. Anderson

Practice guidelines

- [Evidence- and Consensus-Based Guidelines for the Management of Communication and Swallowing Disorders Following Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury](#) by C. Mei et al.
- [Further recommendations of the International Paediatric Brain Injury Society \(IPBIS\) for the post-acute rehabilitation of children with acquired brain injury](#) by M. Linden et al.

Charities

- [Child Brain Injury Trust \(CBIT\)](#)
- [The Children's Trust](#)

Returning to education and transitioning to adult services

- [ABI Return](#) – guidance for schools, children and young people and their families on returning to education with ABI by United Kingdom Acquired Brain Injury Forum
- [Concussion: Return-to-school guidance](#) by the National Acquired Brain Injury In Learning And Education Syndicate (N-ABLES)
- [Transition Information Network](#) – information and good practice for disabled young people, families and professionals from the Council for Disabled Children

National guidance

World Health Organization

- [Rehabilitation 2030 initiative](#)

British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine (BSRM)

- [Rehabilitation in the wake of COVID-19 - a phoenix from the ashes](#)
- [Standards for rehabilitation services mapped on to the National Service Framework for long-term conditions](#)
- [Vocational rehabilitation: BSRM brief guidance](#)

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)

- [Head injury](#) quality standard QS74
- [Head injury: assessment and early management](#) guideline N232
- [Major trauma: assessment and initial management](#) guideline NG39
- [Rehabilitation after traumatic injury](#) guideline NG211
- [Rehabilitation for chronic neurological disorders including acquired brain injury](#) guideline NG252
- [Stroke rehabilitation in adults](#) guideline NG236
- [Transition from children's to adults' services](#) quality standard QS140

Royal College of Physicians (RCP)

- [Prolonged disorders of consciousness \(PDOC\) following sudden onset brain injury](#) - national clinical guidelines

Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health (RCPCH)

- [Stroke in childhood](#) - clinical guideline for diagnosis, management and rehabilitation

Northern Ireland

- [Brain Injury Matters](#)
- [Brainwaves NI](#)
- [FND Matters NI](#)
- [Stroke Action Plan](#) (2022)

Scotland

- **Neurological care and support: framework for action 2020 – 2025** by Scottish Government
- **Rehabilitation and Recovery: A Once for Scotland Person-Centred Approach to Rehabilitation in a Post-COVID Era** by Scottish Government
- **Scottish Acquired Brain Injury Network (SABIN)**
- **Scottish Head Injury Forum (SHIF)**

Wales

- **ABI return – Wales: guidance for children and young people with ABI's return to education in Wales** by UKABIF
- **All Wales guidelines for the management of devastating brain injury** by Welsh Government
- **Concussion return to school guidance for Wales** by UKABIF
- **Specialised Services Commissioning Policy: CP140 – Specialised Neurological Rehabilitation** by Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee