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

The RCSLT develops guidance to promote good **clinical** and **professional** practice in line with HCPC standards. **Please read our statement on guidance** to understand how it is developed and how to use it.