# RCSLT acquired brain injury member resources

## DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

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Thank you for your support with this project.

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### Key documents

* [All Party Parliamentary Group on Acquired Brain Injury – time for change acquired brain injury and neurorehabilitation](https://cdn.ymaws.com/ukabif.org.uk/resource/resmgr/campaigns/appg-abi_report_time-for-cha.pdf)
* [All Party Parliamentary Group for Acquired Brain Injury – the cost of acquired brain injury to the UK economy](https://cdn.ymaws.com/ukabif.org.uk/resource/resmgr/resources/the_cost_of_acquired_brain_i.pdf)
* MacDonald, S. (2017) Introducing the model of cognitive communication competence: A model to guide evidence-based communication interventions after brain injury, *Brain Injury.* 31:13-14, 1760-1780. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02699052.2017.1379613>
* MacDonald, S., Shumway, E. (2022) Cognitive-Communication Evidence Application for Speech-Language Pathologists: Map of Clinical Recommendations for Adults with Acquired Brain Injuries (CCEAS MAP: ADULT ABI).  
  *International Journal of Language & Communication Disorders*, 57(6), 1548–1567.   
  <https://doi.org/10.1111/1460-6984.12817>
* Togher, L., et al. (2023) INCOG 2.0 Guidelines for Cognitive Rehabilitation Following Traumatic Brain Injury, Part IV: Cognitive-Communication and Social Cognition Disorders. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation.* 38 (1), 65–82. <https://doi.org/10.1097/htr.0000000000000835>
* Ylvisaker, M., Feeney, T. (2000) Reflections on Dobermans, poodles, and social rehabilitation for difficult-to-serve individuals with TBI. *Aphasiology, 14*(4), 415-436. <https://doi.org/10.1080/026870300401432>

### Textbooks

* James, K. (2011) The Strands of Speech and Language Therapy: Weaving Plan for Neurorehabilitation (1st ed.). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003072461>
* Learoyd, J., Bryan, K. (2023) Working With Adults with Communication Difficulties in the Criminal Justice System: A Practical Guide for Speech and Language Therapists (1st ed.). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003288701>
* McDonald, S., Togher, L., Code, C. (2013) Social and Communication Disorders Following Traumatic Brain Injury (2nd ed.). Psychology Press. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203557198>
* Ylvisaker, M., Feeney, T. J. (1998) Collaborative brain injury intervention: Positive everyday routines.Singular Publishing Group.

### Articles and guidance

* Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) [link to be added]
* [BISWG practice guidance for social workers working with people where there may be an acquired brain injury](https://biswg.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/ABI_Practice_Guidance_BISWG.pdf)
* [Domestic Abuse and Brain Injury: A Link Often Missed — Centre for Women's Justice](https://www.centreforwomensjustice.org.uk/new-blog-1/2023/11/8/domestic-abuse-and-brain-injury-a-link-often-missed)
* Substance misuse [link to be added]

### Clinical excellence networks (CENs)

See [CEN directory | RCSLT](https://www.rcslt.org/members/get-involved/clinical-excellence-networks/cen-directory/) for further information.

* ABI CEN
* ABICA CEN
* Neuropsychiatry CEN
* Medicolegal CEN
* Mental Capacity CEN
* Homelessness CEN
* Expert Witness CEN
* Paediatric Dysphagia CEN
* Adult Acquired Dysphagia CEN

### Charities, networks and events

* BI awareness month/week
* [BISWG](https://biswg.co.uk/)
* [Brain Injury Social Work Group](https://biswg.co.uk/)
* [BrainKind](https://brainkind.org/)
* [The Brain Charity](https://www.thebraincharity.org.uk/)
* [The Brain Tumour Charity](https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/living-with-a-brain-tumour/get-support/children-and-families-service/)
* [Child Brain Injury Trust](https://childbraininjurytrust.org.uk/)
* [The Children's Trust](https://www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/)
* [Dyscover](https://dyscover.org.uk/)
* [FND Action](https://www.fndaction.org.uk/)
* [FND Hope UK](https://fndhope.org/about-fnd-hope/fnd-hope-uk/)
* [FND FrieNDs](https://fndfriends.com/)
* [The FND society](https://www.fndsociety.org/)
* [Headway: the brain injury association](https://www.headway.org.uk/) (has printable information, videos and educational materials for individuals and families)
* [Head Injury Information Directory](https://www.hiid.org.uk/)
* [Heads Together](https://www.headstogether.org.uk/)
* [Neurological Alliance](https://www.neural.org.uk/)
* [Pink Concussions](https://www.pinkconcussions.com/about/)
* [SameYou](https://www.sameyou.org/)
* [Scottish Acquired Brain Injury Network](https://www.nn.nhs.scot/sabin/)
* [Silverlining Brain injury Charity](https://www.thesilverlining.org.uk/)
* [Society for Research in Rehabilitation](https://srr.org.uk/)
* [Stroke Association](https://www.stroke.org.uk/)
* [United Kingdom Acquired Brain Injury Forum](https://ukabif.org.uk/?)

The NHS also offers community neuro rehabilitation services. Check your NHS provider’s website for information on your local service.

## For adult care

### Screening tools

* [Brain Injury Screening Index (BISI®) – The Disabilities Trust](https://brainkind.org/for-professionals/brain-injury-screening-index-bisi/)
* [Cognitive-Communication Checklist for Acquired Brain Injury referral tool](https://brainandcommunication.ca/cccabi/)
* Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool (CHAT)
* [Sports concussion assessment tool](https://bjsm.bmj.com/content/bjsports/47/5/259.full.pdf)

### Research

* [Community Rehabilitation Research Network (CRRN)](https://community-research.org.uk/)
* [Speechbite](https://speechbite.com/)
* [TANGO research](https://blogs.city.ac.uk/tango/)

### Resources

* [TBITalk Bank](https://talkbank.org/tbi/)
* Potion – Nick Behn
* [ABI communication lab](https://abi-communication-lab.sydney.edu.au/resources/) (Interact-ABI-lity, Social-ABI-lity, Convers-ABI-lity and Cyberability)

### Resources specific for brain injury (BI)

* MCAST tool 2022
* [British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine position statement deprivation of liberty in the rehabilitation setting](https://www.bsprm.org.uk/mp-files/deprivation-of-liberty-in-the-rehabilitation-setting.pdf/)

## For paediatric care

### General information

* [CBIT](https://childbraininjurytrust.org.uk/)
* [The Children's Trust](https://www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/)
* Linden, M. A., et al. (2024)Further recommendations of the International Paediatric Brain Injury Society (IPBIS) on post-acute care of children with acquired brain injury. *Brain Injury*, 38(3), 245-260. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02699052.2024.2309252>

### Returning to education

National Acquired Brain Injury In Learning And Education Syndicate (N-ABLES)

* [Children and young people with acquired brain injury – guiding their return to education](https://cdn.ymaws.com/ukabif.org.uk/resource/resmgr/return_to_education/return_to_education12_05_2021/abi_return_booklet.pdf)
* [Concussions return to school guidance](https://cdn.ymaws.com/ukabif.org.uk/resource/resmgr/nables/concussion/1828_nables_2pp_concussion_r.pdf)

### Transitioning to adult services

* [Child Brain Injury Trust – Moving into Adulthood](https://childbraininjurytrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Moving-into-adulthood-v-1.5.pdf)
* [Child Brain Injury Trust – Transition 16-18: What can I Expect?](https://childbraininjurytrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Transition-16-18-what-can-I-expect-V-1.2.pdf)
* [Council for Disabled Children – transition information network](https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/transition-information-network)

## National guidance

British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine (BSRM)

* [BSPRM cancer rehabilitation position paper](https://https/www.bsprm.org.uk/mp-files/cancer-rehabilitation.pdf/)
* [BSRM recommendations for vocational rehabilitation](https://www.councilforworkandhealth.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Vocational-Rehabilitation-BSRM-brief-guidance.pdf)
* [BSPRM rehabilitation in the wake of COVID-19](https://www.bsprm.org.uk/mp-files/rehabilitation-in-the-wake-of-covid-19-a-phoenix-from-the-ashes.pdf/)
* [BSRM standards for rehabilitation services](https://www.headway.org.uk/media/3321/bsrm-standards-for-rehabilitation-services.pdf)

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)

* NICE guidelines (NG2111) [Rehabilitation after traumatic injury](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng211)
* NICE guidelines (NG39) [Major trauma: assessment and initial management](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/NG39)
* NICE guidelines (N232) [Head injury: assessment and early management](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng232)

### **Northern Ireland**

* Draft Acquired Brain Injury Action Plan 2009
* Stroke Action Plan June 2022
* **Brain Injury Matters**
* **Brain waves NI**
* **FND matters NI**

### **Scotland**

* Neurological care and support: framework for action 2020-2025 – Scottish Government 2022 (Neurological Care and Support in Scotland: A Framework for Action 2020 – 2025)
* Rehabilitation and recovery: a person-centred approach – Scottish Government 2022 (Rehabilitation and Recovery: A Once for Scotland Person-Centred Approach to Rehabilitation in a Post-COVID Era)

### **Wales**

* All Wales guidance on the management of devastating brain injury (2017)
* [UKABIF ABI return to education in Wales](https://ukabif.org.uk/page/ABIRETURN_Wales)
* [UKABIF Concussion return to school guidance for Wales](https://ukabif.org.uk/page/Concussion_Guidance_Wales)
* Welsh Health Specialised Services committee (WHSSC) - Specialised services commissioning policy (2018) - Specialised neurological rehabilitation