Acquired Brain Injury Team

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(Answer phone available when staff are out of the office).

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Questions?
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Living with Acquired Brain Injury

An Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) is an injury caused to the brain after birth. There are many possible causes, including a fall, a road accident, infection, tumour and stroke.

ABI can affect memory and thought processes, physical ability, speech/language, swallowing, physical ability, psychological functioning and/or behaviour. Impairments are not always visible. As a result, the impact of brain injury is sometimes underestimated.

It can be a big support to know there are people who do understand and can help. Rehabilitation gives people the opportunity to regain some of the skills that may have been affected by their brain injury, and to compensate for any skills that have been lost.

The role of the ABI Team

The ABI Team are based at Headway in Worcester and are part of the Worcestershire Intergrated Neurological Rehabilitation Service (WINRS). They work in partnership with many other health professionals and organisations, aiming to improve life after brain injury by offering a variety of interventions.

The Team supports and enables people living with a brain injury to lead a full and active life in the community. They provide a range of rehabilitation, advice and support to meet continuing and changing needs, and where possible help people to access leisure facilities and return to work or education. This restores confidence and gives control back to individuals and their families.

Local support for ABI

There are a number of groups in the county, run by health professionals or volunteers, who provide therapy, advice and local support.

These include:
- The ABI Education Service (ABIES)
- Outpatient Occupational Therapy
- Headway (Worcester) Trust
- The Stroke Association
- Carer's Support Group.

What is WINRS?

- A specialist service based in the community for people living with neurological conditions
- A person-centred approach to problem solving that aims to maximise quality of life and independence
- Advice information and support for people affected by long term neurological conditions
- Collaboration with other professionals to achieve coordinated care and the best possible outcomes.

The WINRS team include:
- Consultant Physician in Rehabilitation Medicine
- Consultant Neuropsychologist
- Nurse Consultant and Specialist Nurse in Complex Physical Disabilities
- Multiple Sclerosis Specialist Nurses
- Parkinson's Disease Specialist Nurses
- Acquired Brain Injury Team
- Chronic Fatigue Service
- Specialist Speech and Language Therapists
- Specialist Physiotherapists
- Specialist Occupational Therapists
- Rehabilitation Assistants
- Team Secretaries.