



the brain injury association

Acute support when brain injury strikes

We all think 'it will never happen to me', but every year around 350,000 people in the UK are admitted to hospital with an acquired brain injury.

That's one every 90 seconds.



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A brain injury can happen to anyone, at any time. When it does, we're here to help.

Headway – the brain injury association supports people affected by brain injury from the moment it strikes. This includes families whose loved ones are in intensive or critical care units.

At Headway, we recognise the need for families to receive support and information at the earliest possible stage.

The help we offer to families and patients in the acute stage of care includes:

- An [Emergency Fund](#) providing grants of up to £500 in the immediate aftermath of brain injury to help adult brain injury survivors and their families cope with the sudden practical implications
- An online platform called [I'm calling about Chris](#), which helps families keep loved ones updated when sitting by the hospital bedside following brain injury (www.callingabout.org.uk)
- A freephone nurse-led [helpline](#) (0808 800 2244; helpline@headway.org.uk)
- A [directory of personal injury lawyers](#) with experience of handling brain injury cases
- A comprehensive [website](#) containing information about all aspects of brain injury
- An award-winning library of free-to-access [booklets and factsheets](#) designed to help people understand and cope with the effects of brain injury
- A [directory of approved residential homes, rehabilitation units and respite facilities](#) specialising in brain injury



We also have a network of groups and branches across the UK providing a wide range of services depending on local needs and resources.



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