

## **The Community Brain Injury Service**

Western Health and Social Care Trust Community Brain Injury Service work in an inter-disciplinary manner to provide a holistic service to people with acquired brain injury, their families and carers.

The team is co-ordinated by a Clinical Psychologist together with input from Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, and Physiotherapist.

The service aims to address the needs of individuals with Brain Injury, their families and carers. It seeks to work alongside community and hospital staff to enhance existing services.

While each member of the service contributes specific specialist skills to the assessment and rehabilitation of each individual, some roles and tasks are generic and shared.

The service can also provide information, advice, education and training to people with Brain Injury, their families and others.

## **Common Problems Associated with Brain Injury**

People with brain injury can experience a range of problems across different areas of their lives.

Physical – movement, balance, pain, fatigue, weakness

Thinking – memory, planning and organisation, attention, concentration, perceptual problems.

Emotional – irritability, anger, anxiety, adjustment difficulties.

Social – communication, social behaviour, skills, pragmatics.

## **How to Refer**

The team accepts referrals from any source and welcomes self-referrals.

People referred must:

- Reside within the Western Health & Social Care Trust Area
- Be over 16 and under 65 years of age (People over 65 can have access to an assessment and advice service)
- Have an Acquired Non-Progressive Brain Injury, such as:
  - Traumatic Brain Injury (from road traffic accidents, falls, assaults etc)
  - Brain Haemorrhage
  - Hypoxic Brain Injury
  - Complicated strokes (with cognitive, emotional and or behavioural difficulties)

If you wish to make a referral, or would simply like more information, the Service can be contacted at:

**The Community Brain Injury Service works in partnership with non-statutory organizations to provide other essential services:**

**The Cedar Foundation** provides specialist vocational rehabilitation to assist people returning to work/education or to engage in voluntary work-based placements or training opportunities

**Leonard Cheshire Disability** provide residential support in terms of placements and Floating Support workers who can assist people in tasks that will help maintain their ability to live independently.

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A Trustwide Service

**Information for People with  
Acquired Brain Injury and their  
Families**