

ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY: COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES

Friday 11 March 2016, 9.15am registration

Conference 10.00am to 4.30pm

Canada Room & Council Chambers, Lanyon Building, Queen's University Belfast



What is Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)?

Any injury to the brain which has occurred following birth; these may be related to illness or medical conditions (e.g. meningitis, brain tumours, hypoxia) in addition to those caused by trauma (e.g. road traffic accidents, falls, assaults).

What difficulties might young people with ABI face?

ABI is a lifelong chronic condition. Young people may experience problems with memory, attention and fatigue and may have difficulties understanding the actions of others. Behavioural and emotional difficulties are not uncommon following ABI.

What impact does ABI have on young people's lives?

On return to school, children with ABI may struggle to cope with their school work. Lack of recognition and understanding of ABI may prevent suitable accommodation being made for the child's condition and lead to peer rejection and discrimination. Many children and young people with ABI face reduced life opportunities as a result of their injuries. Research shows that a disproportionate number of offenders have sustained an ABI.

What is this conference about?

We aim to bring together healthcare, law, education, policy makers, parents and the voluntary sector to raise the profile of childhood ABI.

Speakers:

The Honourable Mr Justice Stephens: Opening address

Professor Ann Glang, University of Oregon, USA; Special Education Needs: *'Education and Brain Injury'*

Professor Huw Williams, University of Exeter, UK; Centre for Clinical Neuropsychology Research: *'Offending Behaviour and Traumatic Brain Injury'*

Dr Mark Linden, Queen's University Belfast, UK; lecturer at the School of Nursing & Midwifery: *'Brain injury in Northern Ireland'*

Dr Eunan McCrudden, Clinical Psychology Department, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children: *'Case Study of Brain Injury and the Involvement of the Health, Education and Justice Services'*

Monye Anyadike-Danes QC, Bar of Northern Ireland: *'The legal context'*

Maria Treacy, parent; member of Talking Heads: *'Life after Brain Injury'*

Koulla Yiasouma (NICCY) Commissioner for Children and Young people in Northern Ireland: Chairing the plenary discussion

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Refreshments and lunch provided

