

Please join UKABIF and help us give a voice to the issues surrounding acquired brain injury.

## Membership Application Form

Application for (please tick):

- Person or carer of person with an ABI – no charge
- Personal Membership – for health professionals (£25)
- Non-profit organisation (£100)
- Organisation up to £50k pa income (£100)
- Organisation over £50k pa income (£250)

Title ..... Surname .....

First Name(s) .....

Post (if applicable) .....

Address .....

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Telephone .....

Email .....

To reduce our costs we try to do as much correspondence as possible via email, please tick this box if you would prefer to receive correspondence by post

I enclose a cheque for £ .....

Please make cheques payable to **UKABIF**

### Credit card payment

To make a payment by credit card, please go to our website [www.ukabif.org.uk](http://www.ukabif.org.uk) or call **01752 601 318**

It is a condition of acceptance that members do not use membership of UKABIF as a public endorsement of their clinical practice in acquired brain injury  
If you complete this form, UKABIF will store and protect your data in accordance with the requirements of its Data Protection Policy and in keeping with the Data Protection Act 1998

As part of your membership you may receive details of events organised by other organisations which are relevant to Acquired Brain Injury.

Please tick here if you do not wish to receive such information

o Brain injury is the leading cause of death and disability in young people. Of all types of injury, those to the brain are among the most likely to result in death or permanent disability.<sup>12</sup>

o Approximately **1 million** people living in the UK have suffered from an acquired brain injury.<sup>3</sup>

o Road traffic accidents account for **50%** of all **traumatic** brain injuries. Other major causes include falls, sports related injury and assaults. Infection, disease and stroke also cause a large number of acquired brain injuries.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<sup>2</sup> House of Commons: Head Injury Rehabilitation. Health Committee Third Report. London: The Stationery Office; 2001

<sup>3</sup> Alan Tennant - Research for NSF for Long-term Conditions (2004)

<sup>4</sup> International Brain Injury Association

UKABIF are working with other parties to improve the quality and accuracy of statistics about acquired brain injury. Gathering accurate data about acquired brain injury is problematic for the following reasons:

- Statistics are often based upon the presenting diagnosis at A&E.
- Where data is accurate often only traumatic injuries are recorded leaving out the injuries caused by problems such as infection
- Trusts differ in their classification systems regarding acquired brain injury

For further information about **UKABIF** please see our website:

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**Giving a voice  
to acquired brain injury**

## UKABIF has the following aims:

- To promote understanding of all aspects of acquired brain injury
- To educate, inform and provide networking opportunities for professionals, service providers, planners and policy makers in all areas of acquired brain injury
- To raise the profile of acquired brain injury and campaign for better services in the UK

## What is acquired brain injury?

Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) is non-degenerative injury to the brain that has occurred after birth. It includes traumatic brain injuries - such as open or closed head injuries and non-traumatic brain injuries - such as those caused by some strokes, infectious diseases, lack of oxygen to the brain, metabolic disorders and toxic products taken into the body. A brain injury can be life-changing for the individual and their family, with effects upon relationships, cognitive and physical abilities, emotions and health.

## How does UKABIF achieves its goals?

Our work is varied and ranges from collating information about acquired brain injury and preparing publications to organising conferences and supporting the development of local ABI groups. We work closely with policy makers ensuring that they have up to date information about service provision and the needs of people with ABI.

## Joining UKABIF

UKABIF is a membership organisation and believes that by bringing together all parties with an interest in ABI we have a stronger voice. Our members include:

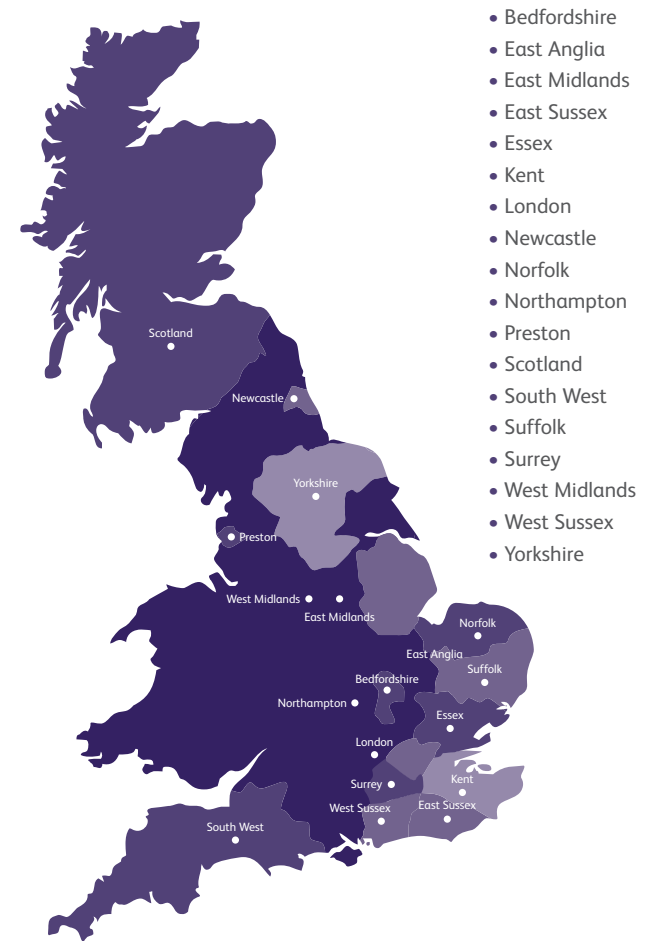
- People with ABI and their carers
- Healthcare professionals working in the field of ABI including rehabilitation physicians, neurologists, neuropsychologists, nurses and other professionals allied to medicine
- Case managers and social workers
- Personal Injury Lawyers
- Independent and NHS care providers
- Voluntary and community group professionals and organisations

**By joining UKABIF you will be adding your name to the thousands of people working with, or living with the effects of an acquired brain injury. The benefits of joining include:**

- Regular up to date information about all aspects of acquired brain injury
- Opportunities to network locally, nationally and virtually
- Reduced rates for our conferences
- The right to vote for members of the executive committee and raise any issues within the organisation
- The opportunity to support our invaluable work

## Regional Acquired Brain Injury Groups

There are currently 18 regional ABI groups in the UK. UKABIF works with these groups to set common aims, encourage sharing of information and practice and co-ordinate group work. As a member of UKABIF we will put you in touch with your local group so that you can see what is taking place in your area.



If there isn't a group in your area and you would like to help establish one then please contact us. We can support new groups by contacting others in your area, attending early meetings and giving ideas about what you can try to achieve.