



Head injury information Day

PROGRAMME & EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Thursday 29th May 2014
Cairndale Hotel - Dumfries

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The Head Injury Information Day is organised and run by **Digby Brown Solicitors**.

Digby Brown has worked with people with brain injury for over 30 years. Our Serious Injury team specialises in claims for people who have suffered brain or spinal cord injuries. The experience built up over this time truly allows us to call ourselves experts in our field.

We work alongside Headway, both locally and nationally, the Child Brain Injury Trust, Momentum, the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust and the Huntercombe Group.

We are also members of the Scottish Head Injury Forum and the Brain Injury Network Group.





PROGRAMME

- 10.00 am **Event registration opens**
- 10.30 am **Welcome**
Chris Stewart, *Partner, Digby Brown Solicitors*
- 10.35 am **Opening Remarks**
Elaine Murray MSP for Dumfriesshire
- 10.45 am **Exhibits open**
- 11.00 am **PRESENTATION**
Help available from Headway for families with a child or adolescent with an acquired brain injury
Karen Pickering, *Child and Family Outreach Service, Headway Dumfries & Galloway*
- 11.15 am **PRESENTATION**
Rehabilitation Matters - A Legal Perspective
Chris Stewart, *Partner, Digby Brown Solicitors*
- 11.30 am **PRESENTATION**
The Role of Psychology in Brain Injury Rehabilitation
John Higgon, *Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist, Crichton Royal Hospital, Dumfries*
- 11.45 am **PRESENTATION**
Personal Independence Payment
Jacqueline Lange, *Welfare Rights Adviser, Digby Brown Solicitors*
- 12.00 noon **PRESENTATION**
What difference can the Carers Centre make?
Claudine Brindle, *Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Carers Centre*



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PROGRAMME, cont

- 12.15 pm **Tea/Coffee Break & Exhibit Viewing**
- 1.00 pm **PRESENTATION**
**A programme providing information on the nature of
and difficulties following an acquired brain injury**
*Lis Bagnall & Barbara Campbell, Open Minds, Headway
Dumfries & Galloway*
- 1.15 pm **PRESENTATION**
What difference can the Carers Centre make?
*Claudine Brindle, Manager, Dumfries and Galloway
Carers Centre*
- 1.30 pm **PRESENTATION**
The Rehabilitation Journey
*Dr Alison McKendrick, Consultant Rehabilitation Medicine,
Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary*
- 1.45 pm **PRESENTATION**
Personal Independence Payment
*Jacqueline Lange, Welfare Rights Adviser, Digby Brown
Solicitors*
- 2.00 pm **Event closes**

Refreshments will be provided throughout the course of the event –
please do help yourself.



LIST OF EXHIBITORS

Addaction

Tel: 01387 263208 / 01776 705907

Email: info@addaction.org.uk

Website: www.addaction.org.uk

Addaction Dumfries and Galloway provide services for anyone over 18 who is concerned about their own or someone else's drug or alcohol misuse.

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust (BIRT)

Graham Anderson House, 1161 Springburn Road, Glasgow G21 1UU

Tel: 0141 404 6060

Email: gahadmin@thedtgroup.org

Website: www.thedtgroup.org/brain-injury

The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust (BIRT) is the UK charity leading brain injury rehabilitation. It offers specialised assessment and rehabilitation services for people suffering a disability as a result of brain injury, including traumatic brain injury (TBI), stroke and other forms of acquired brain injury.



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Case Management Services Ltd

350a Lanark Road West, Currie, Edinburgh EH14 5RR

Tel: 0131 451 5265

Email: maildesk@caseman.co.uk

Website: www.caseman.co.uk

Established in 1988, our team includes case managers, psychologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, social workers, nurses and rehab assistants. All staff/associates are suitably qualified and experienced. We have affiliations to relevant professional organisations (including BABICM and CMSUK).

We provide a range of clinical and medico-legal services, in relation to brain injury and also for stress- related and other psychological conditions.

A Chance for Life

5 Hobson Court, Gillan Way, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 9GQ

Tel: 01768 891709

Email: admin@achanceforlife.co.uk

Website: www.achanceforlife.co.uk

Brain injury case management and rehabilitation.

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Child Brain Injury Trust

Norton Park, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh EH7 5QY

Tel: 0131 475 2598

Email: helpline@cbituk.org

Website: www.childbraininjurytrust.org.uk

We provide information, support and training to anyone affected by childhood acquired brain injury. This includes the child or young person themselves, their family and the professionals who support them.

Citizens Advice Bureau

81-85 Irish Street, Dumfries DG1 2PQ

Tel: 0300 303 4321

Email: info@dagcas.org

Website: www.dagcas.org

Services provided:

- Benefits
- Money Advice
- Debt
- Housing
- Relationship
- Work-related problems.



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Digby Brown Solicitors

2 West Regent Street, Glasgow G2 1RW

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Digby Brown is Scotland's largest personal injury practice. From our five offices in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Kirkcaldy and Inverness, we cover the length and breadth of the country. Our expertise in personal injury law, particularly in the fields of catastrophic head and spinal injury is widely acknowledged. Digby Brown is ranked Band 1 for Personal Injury in Scotland by Chambers Guide to the UK Legal Profession and Legal 500.

In cases of traumatic brain injury a specialist solicitor is vital. Seeking rightful and fair compensation after the accident is just one aspect of the package of measures which needs to be considered and implemented to try and ensure that the process of rehabilitation and adjustment can start.

We can immediately provide advice and support on statutory benefits and how to access local authority social services through our in-house welfare rights service. We can make a real difference by arranging private rehabilitation, by assessing housing needs and, most importantly, implementing of care and case management regimes where required.

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Dumfries and Galloway Advocacy Service

107 English Street, Dumfries DG1 2DA

Tel: 01387 247237

Email: info@dgadvocacy.co.uk

Website: www.dgadvocacy.co.uk

We provide independent one to one Advocacy on an issue based service. We work with vulnerable clients suffering from mental health issues, learning disabilities, head injuries and generic concerns. We aim to empower clients to be heard, participate and understand information when dealing with statutory bodies and professionals.

Dumfries and Galloway Carers Centre

2-6 Nith Street, Dumfries DG1 2PW

Tel: 01387 248600

Email: info@dgalcarers.org

Website: www.dgalcarers.co.uk

Information, advice and support to carers across Dumfries and Galloway.



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Epilepsy Scotland

48 Govan Road, Glasgow G51 1JL

Tel: 0141 427 4911

Email: helpline@epilepsyscotland.org.uk

Website: www.epilepsyscotland.org.uk

Epilepsy Scotland's Lighthouse Service provides support services for adults who require support because they have a disability, which might be:

- A learning disability
- A physical disability
- Mental health needs.

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Headway (Dumfries & Galloway) Association Ltd

Afton Drive, Summerhill, Dumfries DG2 9ES

Tel: 01387 261166

Email: general@headway.plus.com

Website: www.headwaydg.org

Headway House (Dumfries and Galloway) Association Ltd works across the whole of Dumfries and Galloway region. We offer support through 5 Services.

- Initial referral is made to the Adult Outreach service who meet with the brain injured individual and their family/carers in their own home or within hospital.
- Our day service runs within Headway House, operating 4 days a week Monday - Thursday. Headway House offers each client the opportunity for slow stream rehabilitation, assisting in regaining independent living skills while working towards the persons own goals and targets.
- Community Support Service assists people to live in their own homes as independently as possible.
- Open Minds is an 8-week programme which offers detailed and clear information about acquired brain injury, helping people understand their brain injury and the way it impacts on their lives.
- The Child and Family outreach service offers support, advice and information to the child, their parents or carers, siblings and extended family members.



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The Huntercombe Group

Tulip House, Craven Court, Willie Snaith Road, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 7FA

Tel: 07920 595076

Website: www.huntercombe.com

Services:

- Specialist Brain Injury Rehabilitation services
- Neurological care-complex conditions
- CAMHS
- Adult Mental Health
- Addiction.

Kingfish

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My name is Dale Johnston. I had a head injury and now have my own photography business.

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Scottish Acquired Brain Injury Network (SABIN MNCN)

NMCN Office, NHS National Services Scotland, 1 South Gyle Crescent,
Edinburgh EH12 9EB

Tel: 0131 275 7439

Email: nss.sabin@nhs.net

Website: www.sabin.scot.nhs.uk

The Scottish Acquired Brain Injury Network's (SABIN) aim is to improve access to and the quality of services for children and adults with Acquired Brain Injury (ABI).

Self Directed Support Scotland (SDSS) & DICE

The Hub, 24-26 Friars Vennel, Dumfries DG1 2RL

Tel: 01387 257 7444 / 0131 516 4195

Email: info@sdsscotland.org.uk

Website: www.sdsscotland.org.uk

Self Directed Support Scotland (SDSS) is a national membership organisation which actively promotes independent living by supporting, working with and championing the aims of self-directed support disabled peoples organisations.

DICE is a full member of SDSS and a community interest company providing mentorship, peer support, brokerage and practical help for you to decide what you want from life and how you can achieve it by directing your own support.



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Sports Driving Unlimited

Cleuchheads, Balgray, Lockerbie DG11 2RN

Tel: 01576 610544

Email: info@sportsdrivingunlimited.org.uk

Website: www.sportsdrivingunlimited.org.uk

We provide sports carriage driving for people of all ages with impairment, based at Chariots of Fire Driving Centre in Boreland near Lockerbie. Sessions are provided for individuals and for small groups. Each person receives one-to-one instruction in driving skills as well as opportunities to interact directly with the ponies whilst grooming, harnessing and feeding. We use carriages that will carry a wheelchair and drive outdoors but also indoors when the weather is wet. All instructors are trained coaches and been checked by Disclosure Scotland.

Turning Point Scotland

Newall House, 22 Newall Terrace, Dumfries DG1 1LW

Tel: 01387 247123

Email: D&GEnquiries@turningpointscotland.com

Website: www.turningpointscotland.com

We provide tailor made and person centred services to suit every individual's circumstance. We aim to enhance lifestyle experiences and provide independent living.

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Visibility See Hear Project

Nithbank, Dumfries, DG1 2SD

Tel: 01387 267131

Email: seehear@visibility.org.uk

Website: www.visibility.org.uk

Information, advice and support to people affected by sensory loss across Dumfries & Galloway.

It matters...

when it happens to you or your family

**Thank you for attending the Dumfries Head injury information Day.
We hope you have found it useful and informative.**

Please take a moment to complete the comments and suggestions slip to help us make future events even better.

If you would like any further information on any of the exhibitions here today, please contact:

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