



Department of Health & Social Care



# The government is making a new plan about better support for people with a brain condition called acquired brain injury

Please tell us your ideas for the plan

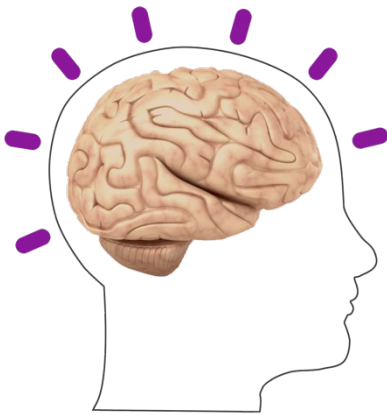


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# About the new brain injury plan



We are the government.



We are making a new plan about a type of brain condition called **acquired brain injury**.

This is sometimes called an ABI.

This is an injury that happens to someone's brain at any time after they are born.

It can happen for many reasons.

For example:

- Someone hitting their head. This could be from an accident or someone being violent to them
- An illness called a stroke
- Something that grows in the brain called a tumour



# Why we are making the plan



Life can be very hard for people with an acquired brain injury and the people they know.

Many people might need care and support for different things in their lives.



We want to stop brain injuries like this happening where possible.



We also want to make sure that people with a brain injury get better care and support.

That will help them to live in the best way they can.

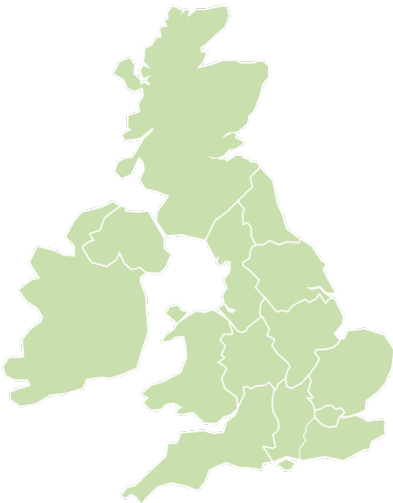


We want people's ideas about what should be in our new plan about acquired brain injury.



There are some questions for you to answer in this document.

You can answer the questions if you are aged 16 or over.



Anyone from the UK can answer the questions.



Please tell us your ideas by 11.45pm on **6 June 2022**.

You can find out how on page 28.

# The questions for you to answer



Some questions have boxes for you to write your answers in.

Please do not give us people's names or personal details in your answers if possible.

If you have to use any names, please do not use people's real names.



For other questions, please tick the boxes with the answers you choose.

## About you

Please answer these questions if you can.

It will help us to know what different groups of people need.





## How are you answering these questions?

I am answering these questions about myself



I am answering these questions for someone else

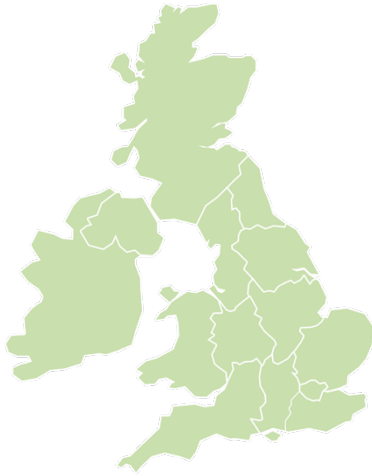
Your answers should be about the person you are answering for



I am answering these questions as part of an organisation

If you are part of an organisation what is the name of your organisation?

## Where do you live in the UK?



England

Northern Ireland

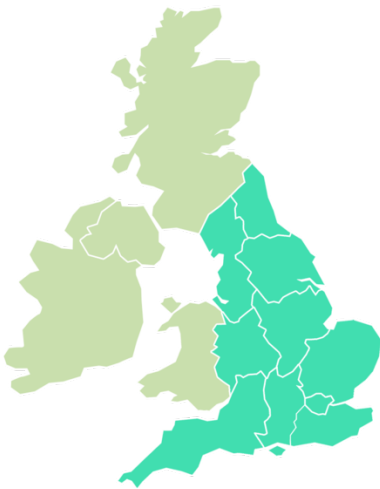
Scotland

Wales

Somewhere else

Please tell us where if you want to

## If you live in England, which part do you live in?



South East England

London

South West England

North West England

Yorkshire and the Humber

West Midlands

East Midlands

East of England

North East England

I don't want to say



## What is your age?

I don't want to say



## Are you

Female

Male

Other

I don't want to say



## What ethnic group are you from?

This is about things like where you and your family are from and the language you speak.

Choose one group that feels most right for you on the next page:





White

Asian or British Asian

Black, African, Caribbean or  
Black British

More than one ethnic group

Another ethnic group

I don't want to say

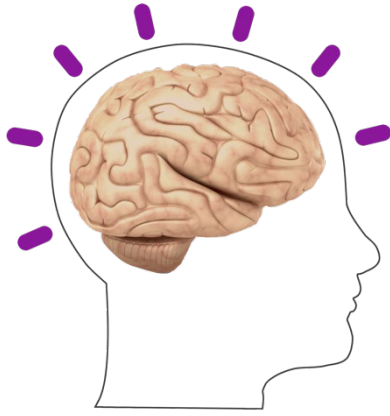


**How much in total do people in your household earn a year if you know?**

**Please tell us in £**

I don't know

I don't want to say



## Questions about brain injury

The questions in this document are about brain injuries that happen to someone after they are born.

They are called acquired brain injuries.



**Have you ever had a brain injury from something that happened since you were born?**

Yes

No

I don't know

I don't want to say



**If you have had a brain injury, how did it happen?**

From hitting my head

From another illness or health condition

I am not sure

Something else





Can you tell us a bit more about how the brain injury happened?



**What age did you get your brain injury?**

**Do you need any care and support because of your brain injury?**

Yes. I need care and support for more than 20 hours a week

Yes. I need care and support for less than 20 hours a week

No. I don't need care and support

I don't know

I don't want to say

**Do you give care or support to someone with a brain injury?**

Yes

No

I don't know

I don't want to say





## Do you have any other health conditions that will last a long time?

Yes

No

I don't know

I don't want to say

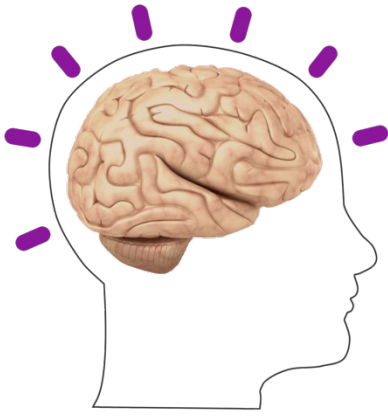
If you have another health condition that will last a long time, please tell us which one if you want to.

## Making our new brain injury plan



We want to know what support people with an acquired brain injury need.

We want our new plan to include the right things so that people get better support.



We want to know if the new plan could help people who have other conditions that affect the brain as well.

There are many other conditions that affect the brain.

Some examples are:

- Cerebral palsy
- Epilepsy
- Motor neurone disease
- Multiple sclerosis
- Parkinson's disease



Our new plan will not talk about dementia, stroke, autism or learning disability.

That is because we are already doing other work on those things.

**Should the new plan include other conditions that affect the brain apart from acquired brain injury?**



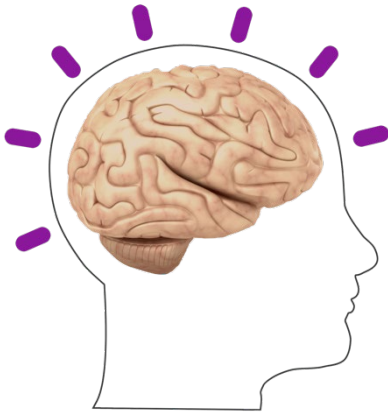
Yes. The plan should also be about other conditions that affect the brain

No. The plan should only be about acquired brain injury

**If you said no**

**Why should the new plan only be about acquired brain injury?**





## If you said yes

**What other conditions that affect the brain could the new plan include?**

There are more choices on the next page.

Cerebral palsy

Epilepsy

Motor neurone disease

Multiple sclerosis

Parkinson's disease

I am not sure

Something else.  
Please tell us what

None of these





**Why should the new plan include other conditions that affect the brain apart from acquired brain injury?**

**What subjects should the new brain injury plan include?**

**Please choose from the list on the next few pages.**

**You can tick as many boxes as you want.**

**We will ask you to choose the things that you think are most important after that.**



## Telling people about acquired brain injury and helping to stop it



Finding out who might be more at risk of getting an acquired brain injury

Making sure that more people know about acquired brain injury

Stopping acquired brain injury from happening or getting worse

## Health care



Finding out if someone has an acquired brain injury or other brain condition and telling them

Helping people to know what is happening with their health

Making sure that people get all the health care they need

Making sure that staff know how to support people



**Support from staff to do everyday things. This is called social care**



Support for people to live how they want and do as much as they can

Information about the support people need and the choices they have



Support for people who care for someone with a brain injury or other brain condition

**Jobs and benefits**

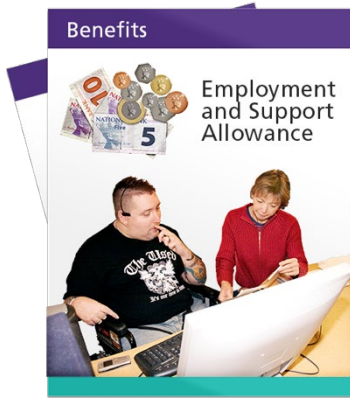
**Benefits is money from the government that some people can get**

**There are more choices on the next page**



Support for people to get a job

Support for people at work



Support for people when they want to stop working

Support for people when they apply for benefits

### Sport



Support for people who have a brain injury from sport

Making sport safe

### Housing



Making sure that people know what support they can get with housing

Housing that is right for people and what they need



## Supporting different groups of people

Making sure that everyone is treated fairly and gets the support they need



Support for people at school, college or university

Support for people who are homeless



Support for people who are in prison or leaving prison

Support for people who have been in the army, navy or air force



Support for people if someone has been violent to them

Support for people who might have drug or alcohol problems

## Finding out more about acquired brain injury



Helping to find out more about acquired brain injury or other brain conditions  
This is called research

Taking part in research to find out more about acquired brain injury and other brain conditions

Making sure that research helps to make people's lives better

### Anything else

Something else that you think the new plan should include or think about  
Please tell us what





Look at the things you have chosen from the list on the last few pages from page 18.

Then choose up to 3 things that you think are the most important and write them in the boxes below.

1.

2.

3.



**Please tell us more about why you think those 3 things are the most important if you want to.**





**Is there anything else we need to think about for the new brain injury plan?**

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for writing a response to the question above.



## **Would you like to give us your email address so we can contact you?**

That means we can:

- Change some of your answers if you ask us to
- Get in touch with you if we want to know more about your answers
- Tell you more about this work and other work like this



We will not share your email address with anyone else.

**You can tell us your email address below. But only if you want to.**

**This can be the email address of your organisation if you are answering the questions for an organisation.**

**If you gave us your email address**

**Would you like to hear about more work we are doing like this in the future?**

**This is when we ask people what they think of a new government plan.**

Yes

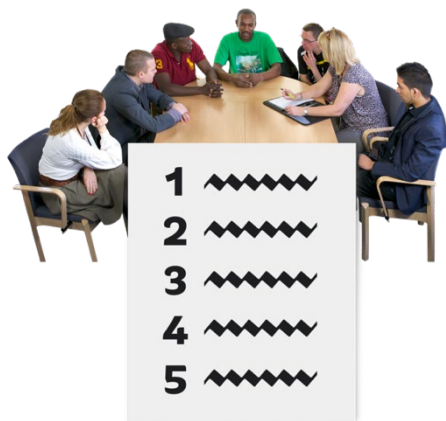
No

**That is the end of the questions.**

## **What happens next**

We will look at the answers that everyone gave us.

That will help us to make our new plan about acquired brain injury.





# How to give us your answers

Please give us your answers by 11.45pm on **6 June 2022**.



To give us your answers you can:

1. **Print and scan** this document to your computer using a scanner.



Then email it to:

[ABlcallforevidence@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:ABlcallforevidence@dhsc.gov.uk)

2. Or print and **post** this document with your answers to:

Acquired Brain Injury Strategy  
Call for Evidence  
Department of Health and Social Care  
39 Victoria Street  
London  
SW1H 0EU



**Thank you**