



Newsletter

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Feathered Feedback

Our staff and clients have been making peacock feathers to celebrate our achievements.

The idea was to create a picture of a peacock with feedback about Headway Black Country written on each the feather strands. Each feather contains comments about how Headway Black Country has helped and what Headway Black Country means each contributor.

Examples include: *"I am no longer worried by telling people that I have a brain injury. Headway has helped me not to hide what happened to me."*

"Headway is an absolute LIFESAVER, coming here is just like coming HOME 😊".

"I think this place is great for people that need help at a terrible time in there lives. The support and understanding of our condition is wonderful and the help for our partners who suffer along side us is fabulous."



Our OT student Laura, who is on placement from Coventry University until December, has led the project with particular support from our expressive art group. The project is part of our contribution to Occupational Therapy Week, reflecting how occupational therapy approaches are integral to the way we support our clients.

New Design Christmas Cards - Now On Sale

We are delighted to be able offer Christmas Cards again this year. Our cards feature a brand new image created from a painting by one of our talented artists, Neil.

The cards are available in packs of 6 at a price of £2.50 per pack.

Packs of cards can be bought at our centres at Dudley, Sandwell and Willenhall or you can contact us on 01384 869961 or at admin@headwayblackcountry.co.uk



All Party Parliamentary Group On Acquired Brain Injury—Report

Neurorehabilitation is one of the most cost-effective interventions available on the NHS, but there are large variations in the provision and access to neurorehabilitation services across the UK.



There are more than 1.3 million people living with the effects of brain injury at a cost to the UK economy of £15 billion per annum or 10% of the National Health Service (NHS) budget. The excellent advances in emergency and acute medicine mean that many more children, young people and adults now survive with an ABI, however, many of these individuals require early and continued access to neurorehabilitation to optimise all aspects of their physical, cognitive, behavioural and psychosocial recovery, and to maximise their long-term potential.

This report, called “Time for Change”, outlines the critical role of neurorehabilitation in the ABI care pathway, and the need for Rehabilitation Prescriptions for all brain injury survivors following discharge from acute care so they know what neurorehabilitation they need. The report reviews the implications for children and young people with ABI when most of their neurorehabilitation takes place in the education system. The high incidence of ABI amongst offenders is discussed, as is the impact of neurorehabilitation on behavioural change and reoffending. The current issues in sport-related concussion are outlined as well as the need for an improved welfare system that is easily accessible.

Copies of the report can be obtained from: www.ukabif.org.uk/campaigns/appg-report

Heads Up Social Group Dates

This Group offers those adults affected by Acquired Brain Injury a safe and understanding environment for informal social activities, enabling new friendships, sharing knowledge and reducing isolation.

The Group is open to those over the age of 18. Where individuals need support they will need to be accompanied by a responsible person.

Heads Up meets every other Thursday between 7 pm and 9 pm at our Centre on Martin Hill Street, Dudley, DY2 8RT. The first meeting in 2019 will be **Thursday 17th January 2019**.

For more information contact us on **01384 869961** or admin@headwayblackcountry.co.uk

Volunteer Trustees

We have opportunities for people to join our Board of Trustees. The Board meets every other month to oversee the performance and development of our charity.

We particularly welcome people with skills and knowledge of supporting people affected by acquired brain injury or Stroke. We are also looking for someone with financial skills, ideally in accountancy, to join the Board in the voluntary role of Treasurer.

More information is available at: <https://www.headwayblackcountry.co.uk/supporting-us/volunteering/>



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