

Who can receive services?

- People aged 16 to 65 years
- People who have sustained a recent ABI (eg: trauma, stroke, tumour, infection)

Priority for services is determined at triage and is based on current services involved, severity of injury and individual need.

Individuals receiving compensation or NDIS who require ABI specific intervention will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

A discrete WAABIRS concussion program provides education and support for clients and their managing medical team.

People aged 16 to 65 years who are experiencing concussion-related symptoms and are less than 12 months from injury may be eligible.

Referrals

Referrals are accepted from individuals with an ABI, family members, health professionals or community agencies.



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Western Australian Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service

Case coordination and
community therapy services



About us

Western Australian Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service (WAABIRS) provides specialist case coordination and community therapy services to people with acquired brain injury (ABI) and their families.

Contact with WAABIRS, formerly known as the State Head Injury Unit, generally starts after discharge from hospital or outpatient therapy services.

Everyone seen at WAABIRS has contact with a case coordinator. Referrals are made for therapy services as required.

The length of program and services provided will be determined by the needs and goals identified.

WAABIRS also helps to link people to community services that can provide further rehabilitation opportunities or long-term practical support.

As WAABIRS is a public health service, there is no cost to individuals.



Case coordination service

Case coordinators are allied health professionals with experience in rehabilitation. The case coordinator provides a consistent point of contact for the person with ABI and their family.

They provide a range of services including:

- Comprehensive needs assessment
- Education and information provision
- Guidance and support
- Referral to therapy and support services.

The case coordinator works closely with the person with an ABI and their family to identify needs and goals.

A rehabilitation plan is developed and implemented with WAABIRS therapy services or external providers where required. Regular contact enables the plan to be altered as needs change over time.

The plan may also involve working alongside other service providers to enable the best rehabilitation opportunities for people with ABI and their families.



Community therapy services

In conjunction with the case coordination service, WAABIRS provides individual therapy programs where needed. The focus of therapy is to assist people to adapt to changes in their abilities to live as independently as possible, access the community, return to work, drive where possible and participate in leisure and recreational activities.

The therapy service includes:

- Occupational therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Clinical psychology and clinical neuropsychology
- Social work and welfare
- Speech pathology
- Aboriginal health liaison.

Different to outpatient therapy, targeted WAABIRS therapy services are provided in the most relevant setting. This may be at home, at work, in the community or at WAABIRS. ABI group education sessions and group therapy programs are also provided where appropriate.

A strong emphasis of WAABIRS therapy is supporting people to engage with services and resources within their local community.

