

Who can receive services

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

People also need to have a willingness to engage in rehabilitation in order to be eligible.

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 since injury may be eligible.

Referrals

Referrals are accepted from individuals with an ABI, family members, Aboriginal Medical Services, Aboriginal health workers, GPs, health professionals or community agencies.

More information

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Western Australian Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation

Services for Aboriginal
patients and families



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.

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 provides help to link people to their local 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.

Aboriginal health liaison officer

The Aboriginal health liaison officer (AHLO) at WAABIRS is available to help Aboriginal people with an ABI to reach their rehabilitation goals.

The AHLO helps link Aboriginal people with appropriate Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal services.

They also provide education to the person with an ABI and their families. The AHLO may see people in their homes, in the community or at WAABIRS.

The AHLO works closely with the case coordinator and the WAABIRS multidisciplinary team to ensure rehabilitation is culturally appropriate: 'your path, your way, your journey'.

Case coordination service

Case coordinators are allied health professionals with experience in rehabilitation.

The case coordinator is here to help people with an ABI and their families navigate the rehabilitation journey. They also help with:

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

This may also involve working alongside other service providers to enable the best rehabilitation opportunities for people with an 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
- Allied health assistants

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.