

Rebuilding Lives after Brain Injury



Facts & Figures: Prevalence & Incidence of Brain Injury

Traumatic brain injury

- Each year an estimated 1 million people attend hospital A&E in the UK following head injury although many more head injuries go unreported
- Of these, around 135,000 people are admitted to hospital each year
- Across the UK there are an estimated 500,000 people (aged 16 - 74) living with long term disabilities as a result of traumatic brain injury
- Approximately 85% of traumatic brain injuries are classified as minor, 10% as moderate and 5% as severe
- Men are two to three times more likely to have a traumatic brain injury than women. This increases to five times more likely in the 15-29 age range
- Life expectancy for brain injury survivors is normal, so over time, what may seem like a low volume problem becomes a high volume one

Other forms of acquired brain injury

- Over 130,000 people have a stroke each year in England and Wales
- There are estimated to be over 450,000 people in England living with severe disability as the result of a stroke
- An estimated 13,000 people are diagnosed with a brain tumour each year in the UK
- There are 500,000 people living in the UK today who have had either viral or bacterial meningitis at some time in their lives

Ref: Headway UK - Key Facts & Figures: www.headway.org.uk

The table below gives the number of new hospital admissions due to *serious* brain injury over the 3-year period 2008 to 2011 in East and West Sussex. This does not include data from Brighton and Hove nor those with moderate needs.

Location	New Admissions	Resident Population
East Sussex		
Eastbourne	281	289,263
Hastings	249	260,784
Lewes	155	289,287
Rother	194	267,666
Wealden	232	429,264
West Sussex		
Adur	106	184,020
Arun	336	449,703
Chichester	193	337,743
Crawley	274	315,999
Horsham	262	389,388
Mid Sussex	201	394,776
Worthing	194	307,215

Ref: www.injuryprofiles.org.uk

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