

Supporting brain injury survivors to navigate the path from hospital to home

Acquired Brain Injury Ireland, as the leading community rehabilitation provider, is seeking €2m in the 2026 budget to:

1. Fund a national brain injury case management service with 20 additional posts to reach every person with a brain injury, regardless of location.

This investment will play a significant role in implementing the Programme for Government commitments to:

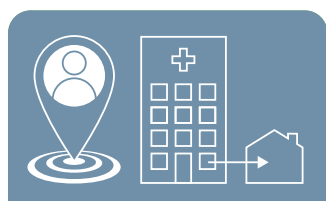
2. Support young people with brain injuries to move out of nursing homes and prevent inappropriate admissions.
3. Build capacity in each Regional Health Area to expand community-based multidisciplinary rehabilitation services.

BRAIN INJURY CASE MANAGEMENT

Specialist brain injury case managers play a vital role in the provision of integrated care, ensuring that survivors are supported to live more independently in their community and as close to home as possible. **Right care, right place, right time.** Currently access to this service is based on geographical location. A national service will:



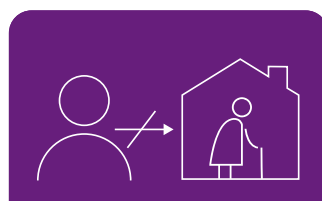
Create a team of highly skilled professionals trained specifically to work with people with brain injury and their families



Provide a single point of contact to help those with brain injury navigate the pathway from hospital to home



Inform and educate the family on ABI



Put a stop to the inappropriate placement of young brain injury survivors in nursing homes for older people¹

Moving younger people with brain injury out of nursing homes

The Ombudsman's 'Wasted Lives' report (2021) identified some 1,300 people under 65 living inappropriately in nursing homes largely designed for the care of older people. Many are there because of the lack of more appropriate services and suitable housing in the community. We are working with the HSE to support people with an acquired brain injury to move out of nursing homes and back to their communities, using a rehabilitation model. **However, progress has been slow.**

Notwithstanding the challenge of finding suitable community-based housing, with an investment of €2m in budget 2026 we can begin to identify and support young brain injury survivors to move out of nursing homes to more appropriate settings.¹ Crucially, we can also prevent further admissions.

1. Supporting implementation of recommendation 5.2 of the Ombudsman's 'Wasted Lives' Report (2021).

We have the evidence that our case management and inter-disciplinary clinical work, using a person-centred approach, has delivered results for people with an ABI.

Currently, there are **21 people** in our Assisted Living services who were previously placed inappropriately in nursing homes.

Since 2000*

16 people

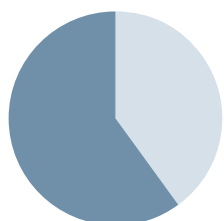
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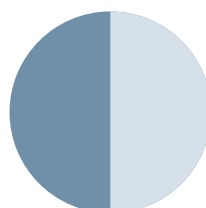
25 people

have successfully transitioned from nursing homes to more appropriate settings via our **Assisted Living service**.

*Data as of December 2022.



More than 60% of our residential rehabilitation clients have come from nursing home settings.



50% of those referred to our residential services ultimately move back to the community with lesser supports.

OUR TRACK RECORD

With over 20 years' experience and expertise, we have a proven track record in the national provision of a range of person-centred, internationally accredited rehabilitation programmes for people with an ABI. These include:



ASSISTED
LIVING



TRANSITIONAL



HOME AND
COMMUNITY



BRAIN INJURY
CASE MANAGEMENT



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