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Why the CCPNR?

The Cambridge Centre for Paediatric Neuropsychological Rehabilitation (CCPNR) is a community-based specialist service for children and young people between the ages of 2-16 (or 19 if still in education) with an acquired brain injury. This includes brain injury resulting from an accident, injury, illness or other condition. We are an innovative specialist service, the first of its kind in the UK and provide support across the East of England and further afield.

Our team is interdisciplinary, which means it is comprised of different professions working together and so draws on a wide range of expertise including: clinical psychologists, neuropsychologists, an occupational therapist, a speech and language therapist, an educational psychologist and input from a consultant paediatric neurologist and a consultant neuropsychiatrist.

We provide support and intervention after discharge from hospital at our clinic, in the community and at school. We recognise the hidden impact that a brain injury can have on the young person’s and family’s life. We endeavour to develop a shared understanding of the young person’s needs between the CCPNR, the young person and family, and school and any other professionals involved, in order to work together to achieve goals that are important to the young person and family.

As researchers, the clinicians are actively involved in developing the evidence base on understanding of paediatric acquired brain injury processes, service provision and interventions. We work closely with other local services including acute services, the Child Brain Injury Trust, social, educational and community services, as well as other voluntary and private organisations.

What do we do?

We provide neuropsychological assessment and rehabilitation for children and young people who present with a broad range of difficulties resulting from an acquired brain injury. The neuropsychological assessment looks at the relationship between the brain injury and the child or young person’s thinking skills, learning, communication, speech, behaviour, friendships, practical daily living skills and adjustment to the effects of the brain injury.

Our rehabilitation aim is to help children and young people maximise their participation and independence in daily life. Specifically, we offer the following:

- Interdisciplinary neuropsychological assessment and rehabilitation considering the context of a young person’s environment (e.g. home, school, community) and their skills in comparison to other children and young people their age.
- Liaison with schools and community, health and social care services where we provide training packages focused on supporting the particular needs of children and young people with acquired brain injury.
- Recommendations for behavioural support and strategies for managing tasks or activities.
- Psychological intervention for children and families.

The rehabilitation pathway is managed by an allocated clinician who will act as case co-ordinator. The role of the case co-ordinator is to support the young person and their family through the rehabilitation journey from the initial meeting to the follow up at home or in school.

Ultimately, we develop an intervention plan, together with the family, to support the management of the young person’s particular needs and goals. Our vision is for the young person and the family to receive the best possible experience and achieve the best possible outcomes.

How to refer to the CCPNR

We accept referrals from health, social care and education teams (e.g. general practitioners (GPs), consultants, paediatricians, social workers, teachers) as well as any other agency working with the young person such as case managers and solicitors via personal injury claims.