

# ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURIES

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## IN CHILDHOOD

ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURIES (ABI'S) – AN ABI IS CALLED AN ABI AS IT IS ACQUIRED LATER IN LIFE, I.E. NOT BEFORE, DURING OR SHORTLY AFTER BIRTH.

JUST LIKE CEREBRAL PALSY, NO 2 PEOPLE WITH ABI'S WILL BE THE SAME – THE WAY IN WHICH EACH BRAIN IS AFFECTED BY INJURY WILL BE DIFFERENT.

- TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
- NON-TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

ARE THE 2 DIFFERENT TYPES OF ABI. A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) RESULTS FROM AN IMPACT TO THE HEAD, E.G. CAR ACCIDENT OR FALL. A NON-TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY RESULTS FROM ILLNESS, E.G. BRAIN TUMOUR OR MENINGITIS.

# 40,000

CHILDREN PER YEAR IN THE UK ARE LEFT WITH A BRAIN INJURY FOLLOWING AN ILLNESS OR AN ACCIDENT.

## ABI'S CAN OCCUR AS A RESULT OF:

- IMPACT, E.G. AN ACCIDENT
- ILLNESS, E.G. BRAIN TUMOUR
- AVM/STROKE
- EPILEPSY
- HYPOXIA (LACK OF OXYGEN)
- INFLAMMATION OF THE BRAIN
- INFECTION

