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No5 CHAMBERS'**  
Education, Health &  
Care Plans Workshop

# Surviving Brain Injury

**PLUS - DATES FOR  
LANYON BOWDLER'S  
2017 Brain Injury  
Networking Forums**

## Brain injury recovery - the focus of a successful networking event

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**Medical, legal, therapy and care professionals came together for Lanyon Bowdler's Brain Injury Networking Forum event in Shrewsbury, which was the first of its kind to be held in the area.**

The meeting was organised following the successful Brain Injury Conference held in the Spring of 2016, which attracted experts from across the country.

We have recently established a Brain Injury Networking Forum to help bring together professionals from a variety of specialisms who deal with cases involving those with a brain injury.

Neil Lorimer, head of the personal injury team at Lanyon Bowdler, says the forum is already having a positive effect and working well to give clients extra support.

The aim of the networking event was to bring people together within this specialist area, and to build on the positive contributions made at the 2016 Brain Injury Conference.

Neil said: "One of the key points raised at the conference was that although great strides have been made in acute medical care to help save people's lives after suffering a brain injury, the same investment has not been made into rehabilitation and care.

"We intend holding regular events such as this, so we can help locally-based organisations share information and ideas about how the balance might be redressed."

Among the speakers at the networking event at Lanyon Bowdler's Shrewsbury offices was Dr Andrew Worthington, consultant in neuropsychology and rehabilitation at Headwise.

## Charities support Lanyon Bowdler's networking event

We were delighted to welcome a number of fantastic charities to our brain injury networking event in 2016. Highlighted is a brief rundown of who came along and how they provide such vital support...



**Midlands Air Ambulance** is the charity responsible for funding and operating three air ambulances serving the communities of six Midlands counties. For many people suffering a head injury, being transported to hospital quickly in the air ambulance helps save their life.

*"The personal and very professional service given to us in all aspects of our claim"*

Mrs J Groves, Shrewsbury

#### Brain injury recovery the focus of a successful networking event CONTINUED

He said he was pleased the group had been set up, as there was a need for more information-sharing between medical professionals in the brain injury field.

*"There is a lack of a forum in which people with a common interest can try to establish where the common ground lies,"* he said.

*"There is a lot of scope for organisations to work together in the area to help rehabilitate people who are dealing with a brain injury, so getting together like this is a good way to swap ideas."*

*"From our point of view, there is a real need for a stepping stone for patients between leaving hospital and going home or into residential care."*

*"As was said at the conference in 2016, we need to improve the link between acute treatment and social care. That is the big challenge for everyone."*

Also speaking at the event was Jo Lewis, team lead and speech and language therapist at the Shropshire Community Neuro Rehabilitation Team, who gave an outline of the valuable work the team did in Shropshire.

Representatives from a variety of care organisations also attended and said the event was a very useful exercise.



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### Shropshire Disability Network

**Shropshire Disability Network** was formed in 2008 to provide a powerful collective voice for disabled people across Shropshire. The network holds quarterly meetings which are open to guests to discuss current disability issues, and periodically releases an extensive newsletter of events and information. They now lead on the Safe Place Community initiative.



**SHROPSHIRE Parent And Carer Council**

#### Parent And Carer Council (PACC)

**Shropshire** supports and empowers parents and carers of children with a disability or additional need, to enable them to be actively involved in the design and delivery of the services they use, through the sharing of their experience and knowledge of their family's needs.



**Headwise** is an independent provider of specialist services to adults, children and families. It delivers rehabilitation and assessment to individuals with cognitive, physical, emotional and neurobehavioural impairments resulting from a brain injury or other neurological condition.

*"He [Neil Lorimer] will do everything he can to get what he needs for his client.  
His attention to detail is above and beyond anyone I know."*

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## Lanyon Bowdler is reappointed Headway Head Injury Solicitors Directory

Lanyon Bowdler has been reappointed to a national panel of approved solicitors for dealing with cases involving head injuries.

Headway's Panel of Approved Solicitors contains the UK's leading firms in the brain injury field and provides the best choice of legal adviser by location.

Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors are one of the only firms in Shropshire and Herefordshire to be included on the panel.

Neil Lorimer, head of the personal injury department, said he was delighted that the association with Headway will continue.

He said: "Headway is a registered charity working hard to improve the lives of those affected by brain injury. They support those affected by strokes as well as helping victims of serious accidents, offering families support, services and information."

### *The Headway directory lists the top legal teams and their locations*

*"A head injury can have a devastating impact on the individual and their family, and although legal action may not feel like a priority, it is a vital way of securing the financial support they need to be able to live their life."*

*"The Headway Panel of Approved Solicitors lists the top legal teams and their locations, making it easy for people to contact a recommended solicitor to fight their case."*

Neil has been a specialist in representing claimants in respect of personal injury and clinical negligence claims for many years. He is a former Claimant Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year and has acted for a large number of clients who have suffered a brain injury.

Headway has more than 125 groups across the country, helping people who have sustained a brain injury. The directory can be accessed via the Headway website.

Headway has a national helpline, more than 130 rehabilitation centres and residential care homes across the country. The charity provides a variety of healthcare professionals and case managers.

It also has neurosurgery wards in more than 70 hospitals across the United Kingdom.

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The Movement Centre is based in Oswestry, Shropshire, and works with children from across the UK to help with movement control issues, which many children with a brain injury or disability face. The children who visit The Movement Centre have cerebral palsy, global developmental delay or other problems of movement control. A course of the centre's unique Targeted Training therapy can completely change their lives.



Headway Shropshire provides care, support and rehabilitation to people with acquired brain injuries within Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and the surrounding areas. Its primary goal is to give people their lives back, in the hope they can eventually return to living independently or participate in life as fully as possible.



Shropshire Rural Communities Charity has been established for over 55 years for the benefit of people in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin. It is committed to making Shropshire to be a great place for everyone to live, no matter what challenges they face. The organisation has a strong track record for delivering a wide range of quality services and local projects, often working in partnership with other organisations.

*"We are incredibly grateful for Lanyon Bowdler's support in choosing The Movement Centre as one of their charities of the year."*

**Vicky Handbury-Madin - Fundraising Manager at The Movement Centre**

 **Lanyon Bowdler**  
SOLICITORS  
BRAIN INJURY SPECIALISTS

Join us for...  
**Brain Injury  
Networking Forum  
Events 2017**

Join us for a unique networking opportunity to continue the discussions arising out of our hugely successful conference 'Surviving Brain Injury The Journey'

**Wednesday 22 March 8:30am - 10am**

**Marches Growth Hub**

Shropshire Food Enterprise Centre, Battlefield,  
Shrewsbury SY1 3TG



**Thursday 30 March 8:30am - 10am**

**Arts & Crafts room at The Courtyard**

The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford, HR4 9JR



**Free to attend | Light refreshments**  
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**No5 Chambers and  
Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors present...**

# EHC

EDUCATION, HEALTH & CARE

# Plans

**MONDAY 27  
FEBRUARY  
2017**

**WORKSHOP AT  
MEGAN BAKER HOUSE**

## An interactive workshop to help parents and carers

An interactive and practical "all you need to know" workshop for parents and carers. The aim of this workshop is to guide you through the EHC Plan and to give advice on the process involved for children and young people with special education needs.

If you consider that you or a loved one have been injured as a result of medical negligence, the Lanyon Bowdler clinical negligence team will be on hand to offer private consultations at no charge or commitment.

**To book your place or for further information...**  
Please contact Lee Gough at Megan Baker House  
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**Venue**

Megan Baker House,  
Moreton Eye, Leominster,  
Herefordshire, HR6 0DP

**Time**

10:30am - 2:30pm.

**Coffee and registration**

10:00am

**Light lunch included**

**Free to attend**

Donations to  
MBH optional



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