



Dr Stephen Heptinstall, CEO



What is an ABI?:

An acquired brain injury (ABI) is an injury caused to the brain after birth.

Traumatic brain injury (for instance road traffic collisions, falls or assaults); Minor head injury and concussion; Brain tumour; Carbon monoxide poisoning; Encephalitis Hypoxic/anoxic brain injury; Meningitis; Stroke.

There were 335,409 UK hospital admissions for acquired brain injury (ABI) in 2023-24.

	Female	Male	Total
ABI H&W	1727	2119	3846



EVERY 4 MINUTES

someone in the UK is admitted to hospital with a **HEAD INJURY**



**ADMISSIONS
PER DAY**

919 All ABIs

TOTAL
ABI
ADMISSIONS
335,409

TOTAL
**HEAD
INJURY**
ADMISSIONS
123,969

TOTAL
STROKE
ADMISSIONS
143,446

Headway History

- Headway (National Head Injuries Association) registered in 1980
- The first Headway House, Gloucester in 1983, providing a day-centre to assist in long-term rehabilitation, respite care and hospital liaison.
- Princess Diana became patron until 1996. Harry's first solo royal duty 2013!
- Hereford branch started in the mid 90's – Tupsley, Rotherwas, and now...





Rehabilitation



Reablement



Vocational support



Family support



Community involvement



Key staff:

Steve Heptinstall – CEO

Jim Smith – Finance Controller

Brenda O'Connor – Clinical Lead

Diane Kent – Life Coach (ex-OT)

Hilary Storer (Music Therapist)

Catherine Humphries (SALT)

Trustees include:

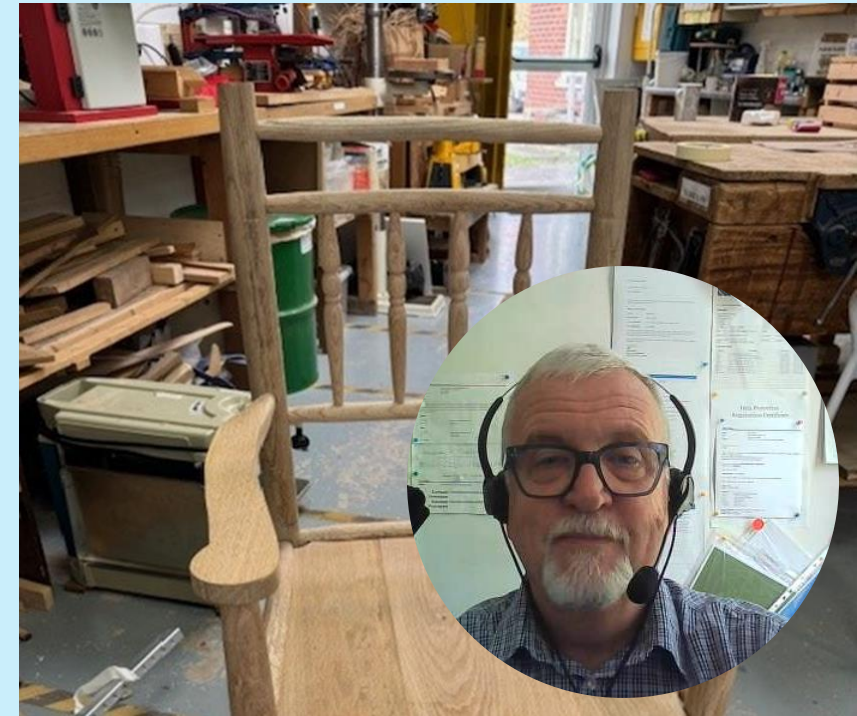
Dr Peter Harper – ex Medical Lead WVT

Alison Bolton – WVT Director

Huw Ponting - Solicitor



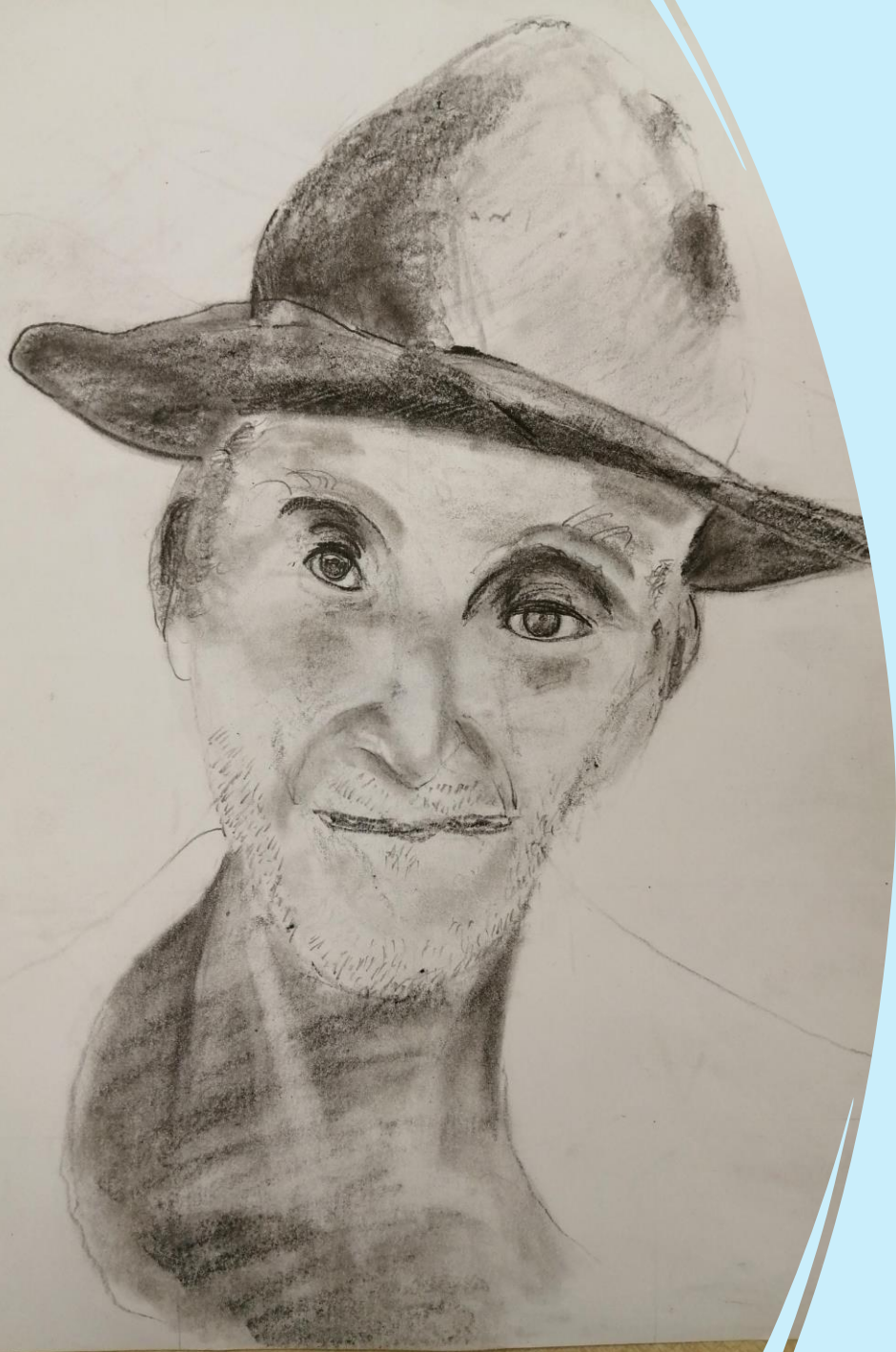




Referral Criteria and Cost:

- 18yrs and above.
- Not violent or aggressive.
- Have carer support to assist if major continence/toilet issues.
- Referral Form – place in 'Chat' but a letter will also suffice with agreement
- All clients / carers asked to visit initially free of charge where an evaluation is undertaken.
- 60% members are clients.
- Council funded or self-pay:
 - Day = £63.39
 - Discount rate = £36.65
 - Half Day = £36.65
 - Discount rate = £22.00
 - Therapy rate = £33.00





Questions

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