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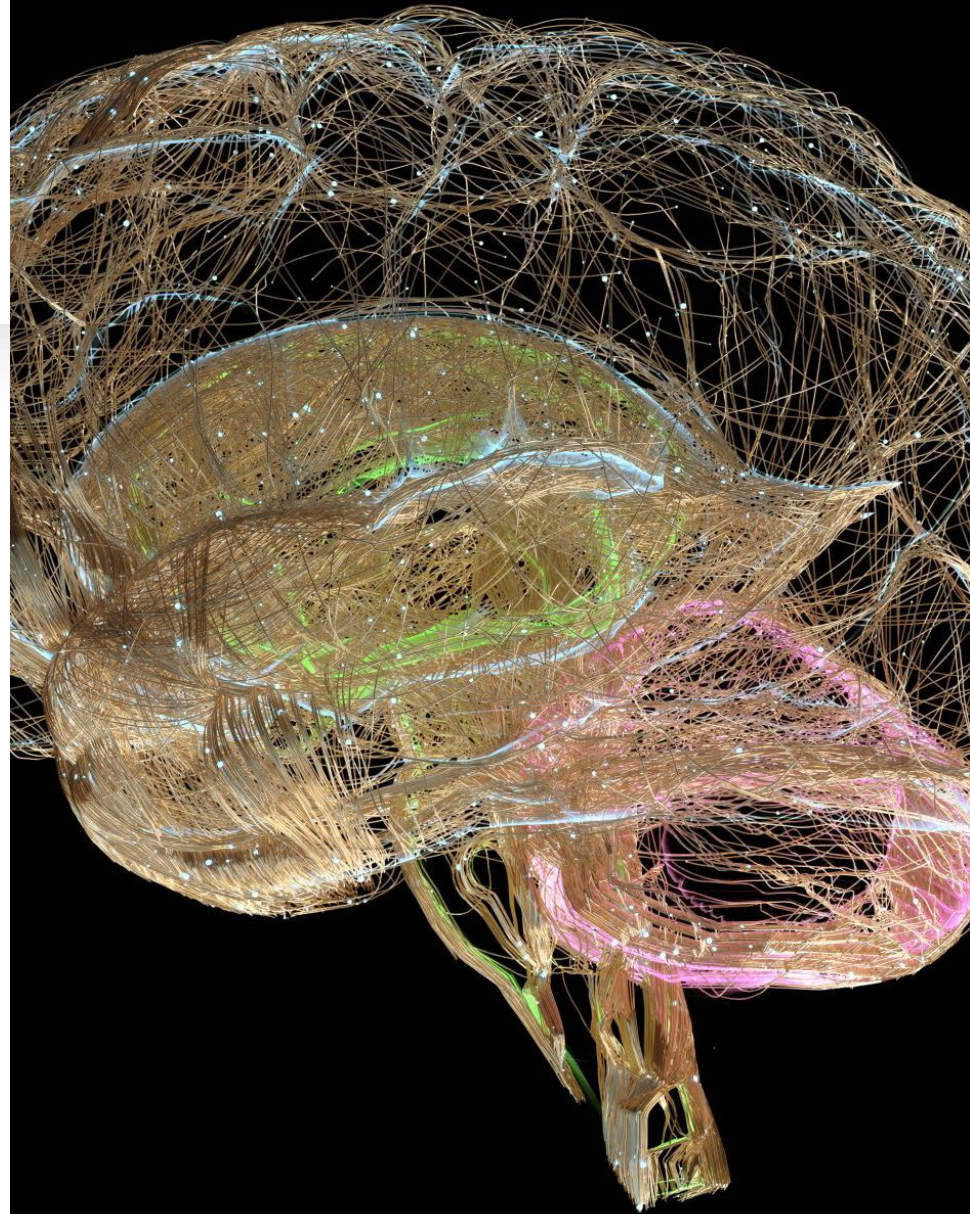
# Every 90 seconds

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- Every 90 seconds someone in the UK is admitted to a hospital with an acquired brain injury. That's 22 more people in the time allocated for me to talk to you.
- Every year 5,000 people in Devon are admitted to hospital with a head injury.
- Brain Injury is the Leading Cause of Death and Disability in the UK.
- Affects people of all ages and backgrounds.

# Causes of Injury

- Stroke
- Brain Starved of Oxygen
- Epilepsy
- Falls, Car Accidents, Bike Accidents
- Tumour
- Bleed on the Brain
- Meningitis
- Carbon monoxide poisoning
- Metabolic disorders



# Impact

- Fatigue
- Difficulties with movement, balance, memory and speech
- Loss of sensation, taste and smell
- Loss of eyesight
- Lack of motivation
- Repetition and finding yourself in a thinking loop
- Impaired reasoning and judgement
- Lack of insight
- Language loss
- Difficulties in visual perception
- Reduced concentration
- Epilepsy
- Paralysis
- Irregular and uncontrolled movements
- Hormone imbalances
- Slower information processing
- Reduction in problem solving
- Loss of confidence
- Mood swings
- Depression and anxiety
- Anger
- Disinhibition
- Impulsiveness
- Obsessive Behaviour

# How we help

Offer a range of activities to help people with brain injuries:

- Rebuild lost skills
- Live independently
- Return to employment
- Improve their quality of life
- Carers



Get  
involved



# Collaboration with Headway Devon

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Thank you for listening

