

Dr Lucia Li

- *Clinical Neurologist specialising in Traumatic Brain Injury, Imperial College London*

"Scans can be misleading, You can see a dreadful scan but if given the right care in acute periods, outcomes can be very different. Unfortunately, bad scans can lead to healthcare staff being nihilistic and leading to bad outcomes."



Dr Hope Kent

- *PhD researcher in quantitative psychology, Exeter University*

"Child Brain Injury isn't recognised in schools, and so kids can get excluded and sent to People Referral Units. Here they can lose access to friends and are vulnerable to County Lines gangs. This can have an unfortunate link to what's known as 'the school to prison pipeline'."



Dr Ivan Pitman

- *Forensic Psychologist within the Prison system, London & North England*

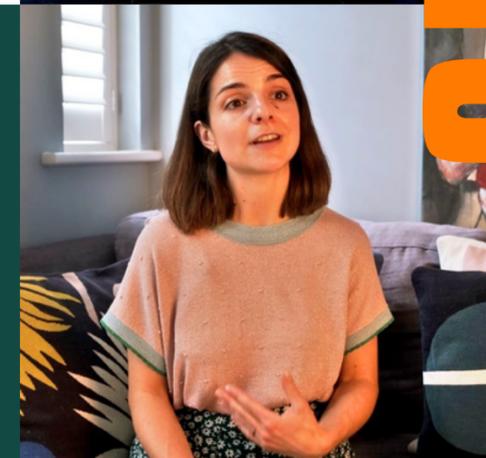
"Within the general population, about 12% have suffered a Brain Injury. Within the prison system 47% - 60% of inmates have a Brain Injury - why such high rates? Research has found prisoners have poor cognitive skills, showing impulsiveness & poor judgment; personality traits that can lead to criminogenic behaviour. Unsurprisingly, young men seen clinically coming into contact with the Criminal Justice System are risk takers, making poor decisions, behaving anti-socially, and often found to have a brain injury.. Simple measures can be implemented to make positive changes within the system."



Dr Celia deMarchi

- *Clinical Psychologist in Paediatric Neuropsychology/rehabilitation, Imperial College & Evelina London Children's Hospital*

"Childhood is a period of rapid development. The white matter, that's all of the brain's connections, are increasing between ages 8 and 20. Brain Injury within that age group will interrupt that development."



OUR EXPERTS

Headway Leicester

- National charity providing support to adults with acquired brain injury (ABI), their families & carers

Headway are an organisation who support those suffering from Brain Injury and who are trying to rebuild their new lives. The services differ regionally due to the way that they are funded.

"After referral assessment, we focus on numeracy and literacy, arts and crafts, cookery, and other group activities, with the focus being on trying to get people with shared experiences back into the community by relearning some of the skills affected by Brain Injury. We help them make their best recovery into independence."



Calvert Reconnections

- Unique neuro-rehabilitation centre for people with post-acute ABI based in the Lake District

A neuro rehab centre in Keswick, Cumbria, for Brain Injury survivors, specialising in outdoor rehab.

Rehab includes gait retraining with aqua physio as well a harnessed outdoor obstacle course to mimic real world obstacles; fell walking, lake boating, horse riding and care, all to help with real world negotiations, as well as working with specialists who provide psychological support to those dealing with their new lives.



Ben Cooper

- Patron of Headway Worcester

"Headway bridges the gap between hospital, and when people go home and have to find their 'new normal'.

The NHS can't do everything so it supports people to adjust."



REHABILITATION