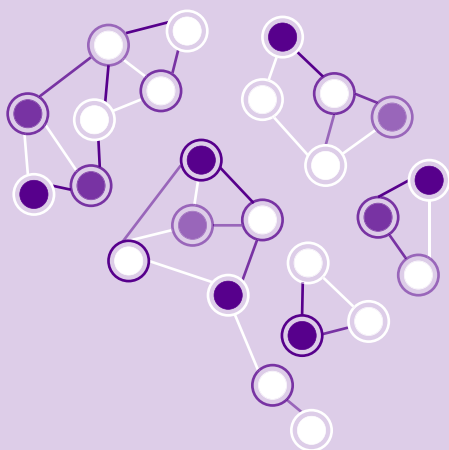


# NIHR Brain Injury HTC Newsletter

**Welcome** to issue 4 of our newsletter, which is aimed at people who have been affected by a brain injury.

## About us

The NIHR Brain Injury HTC is one of eight national Healthcare Technology Co-operatives (HTCs) funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).



The NIHR Brain Injury HTC works with patients, carers, academics, clinicians and industry to develop new medical devices, healthcare technologies and technology-dependent interventions to improve treatment and quality of life for patients with brain injuries.

## The Carers Workshop - 22nd September 2016

The Carers Workshop will take place later this year at the Cambridge Central library. This is a follow-on workshop from the “Patient Inspired Innovation Acute Care: Brain Injury and Intensive Care” workshop



held on the 10th November 2015. In that workshop the focus was on the experience and opinions of the patient after suffering a brain injury.

The workshop in September 2016 will now focus on the carer’s perspective. We want to find out what matters the most to families and friends of someone who has had a brain injury.

A survey has been created for carers to complete. This includes questions about the carer’s experience and asks for suggestions of areas where improvements could be made.

The carer could be family or a friend of the patient. The most important thing is to get them involved and find out what their experience has been like and what they would like to change.

This information can then be used by the HTC to make sure that the right projects are funded which really will be of benefit to the patient and improve their quality of life.

Please follow this link for the Carers Survey and complete or pass on to any carers you know!

<https://addenbrookes.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/htc-family-carer-tbi>

## HTC at The Cambridge Science Festival 2016

This event was held on Sunday 20th March and was a great success. Hundreds of people came to Addenbrookes Hospital to learn about the future of science and research in the hospital.

The NIHR Brain Injury HTC held a stand at the festival. We were able to answer questions and tell people about the work we are doing related to brain injury and new technologies.



There were also a series of “Brain Injury and New Technology” talks and demonstrations. Many people attended and liked the fact that it looked at several different areas of brain injury.

HTC staff had the chance to promote the Patient and Carer Register and recruit people for the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Board.

Please follow this link to see the NIHR Brain Injury HTC promotional video which was made at this event: <https://brainhtc.org/get-involved/>

## Charity Networking Event - 21 June 2016

On Tuesday 21st June, representatives from 25 charities got together to talk about building connections between health research, patients and the public.

The main focus of the event was on the importance of involving patients and the public in research and on how to get more people involved.

There were presentations from different charities about how they use information and feedback from patients and the public to shape their research.

Andrew Bateman from the Oliver Zangwill Centre in Ely talked about the HTC and the opportunities there are to carry out new research into technologies to help people with a brain injury.

Examples of other charities present include Brainbow, The Stroke Association and Headway Cambridgeshire.

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