



NABIF

# NABIF Conference 2008

## Northern Acquired Brain Injury Forum

### Mental Capacity: Risks, Rehabilitation & Choice

Practical issues for professionals dealing with mental capacity and the Mental Capacity Act 2005

Friday 10th October 2008, 10.00am - 4.30pm, Centre for Life, Newcastle upon Tyne

The conference will look at issues surrounding the assessment of capacity, and striking a balance between empowerment of individuals who lack capacity and their protection. We will look at the impact of the Mental Capacity Act and changes to the Court of Protection "one year on", as well as issues relating to the provision of care, accommodation and rehabilitation in the community. We hope to provide an opportunity for discussion and to share experience through the use of case studies and bringing together experienced and knowledgeable speakers with an audience of professionals with an interest in acquired brain injury.

The conference will be chaired by **Professor Michael Barnes** and speakers include:

**His Honour Judge Lush**, Senior Judge of the Court of Protection.

**Dr Alan Carson**, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist and Liaison Psychiatrist for the Department of Clinical Neurosciences, and Director of the Scottish Neurobehavioural Unit, which specialises in Head Injury.

**Bill Braithwaite QC**, Exchange Chambers, one of the most experienced and well known barristers dealing with personal injury cases involving catastrophic injury.

**Catherine Dobson**, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Learning Disability Services, Preston, has worked with people with intellectual impairments arising from congenital and childhood disabilities and also from brain injury acquired in adulthood. She has a research interest in, as well as practical experience of, day to day decision making with people not having the capacity to consent.

**Cathy Johnson**, BABICM, has worked with people with brain injury since 1984, including time at the Institute of Neurological Services in Glasgow and the Kemsley Unit at St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton. In 1995 she established Rehab Without Walls to provide case management and community rehabilitation.

**Simon Smith**, IMCA and Advocate. Simon works for Spiral Skills, part of a charity called Learning First, which works with people with disabilities.

**Dr Janet Grace**, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist at Walkergate Park Centre for Neurorehabilitation and Neuropsychiatry.

**Delegate Fees (including lunch): £110 commercial sector; £75 statutory/voluntary sector. Free to people with an acquired brain injury and their families.**

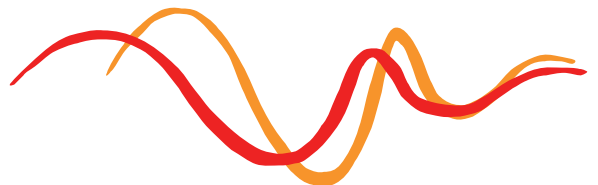
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Please note the delegate fee (including lunch & refreshments) is £110 for commercial organisations; £75 per person for the Statutory and Voluntary Sectors; and free for people with a brain injury and their carers. I enclose a cheque payable to "NABIF" for £.....[insert amount].

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