

Your guide to

Frenchay Brain Injury Rehabilitation Centre



Frenchay Brain Injury Rehabilitation Centre is an established and well-respected provider of specialist inpatient rehabilitation for adults and adolescents (16+) with a traumatic or acquired brain injury in Bristol (known locally as BIRU).

We work in partnership with North Bristol Trust, the regional major trauma and neurosurgical centre to deliver an award-winning service.

Specialising in the treatment of patients with complex physical and cognitive impairments, challenging behaviours and neuropsychiatric disorders resulting from a brain injury, we offer comprehensive assessment, rehabilitation and therapy.

Our patients present with a range of neurological impairments which may be the result of:

- **Traumatic injury**, for example, road traffic accident
- **Anoxic brain injury**
- **Subarachnoid haemorrhage**
- **Infection** such as meningitis or encephalitis
- **Complex stroke or brain tumour**

We are able to admit patients detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 (2007) or on a Deprivation of Liberty Safeguard Order (DoLS).

We also accept patients with tracheostomies, PEGS and patients in low states of arousal who require a SMART (Sensory Modality Assessment and Rehabilitation Technique) assessment.

We offer two clinical services located across two units: Frenchay BIRU South and Frenchay BIRU North.

Regional Specialist Rehabilitation Service (Level 1)

This regional service is for individuals with complex and severe impairments following a brain injury. These patients require highly specialist intensive care and therapy from a highly trained inter-disciplinary team and access to treatment and facilities that are unlikely to be available locally. Patients are usually in the early stages of recovery from their brain injury and are usually admitted from an acute hospital once they are medically stable.

Patients are funded by NHS England for a period of time which will depend on progress made in achieving key goals, and the ongoing need for inpatient care.

Local Specialist Rehabilitation Service (Level 2)

This service is suitable for individuals who have either completed a period of Level 1 rehabilitation and have ongoing active therapy needs, or who have been assessed on referral to BIRU as having less complex rehabilitation and care requirements.

In either situation, patients have the potential to improve further to either enable a return home or to a community setting with reduced future care needs. Our Level 2 service is typically funded by Clinical Commissioning Groups with flexible pricing options.

We offer two services to reflect the different needs of patients:

- **Higher intensity** for patients requiring a short period of intensive therapy
- **Lower intensity** for patients who would benefit from therapy spread out over a longer timescale, for example, due to finding multiple daily therapy sessions fatiguing.

Overview

52 beds split over 2 units

- CQC registered as an independent hospital
- On-site inter-disciplinary team
- Access to North Bristol NHS Trust facilities, for example, 24 hour medical cover, MRI and CT scans, diagnostics and pharmacy services. Our tracheostomy service has support from the ITU department at the Trust
- Access to other external specialist services, for example, seating, video fluoroscopy, assistive technology
- Extensive therapeutic activities programme
- Access to other external specialist services, for example, seating, video fluoroscopy, assistive technology
- Accessible therapy kitchens, two gymnasiums, hydrotherapy pool and other therapy rooms
- Two independent living flats
- Five large day rooms, three of which have garden access
- Private landscaped gardens including an outdoor area featuring different types of surfaces for practising walking
- Two minibuses and a car for outings / appointments

Our Care

Our well-established clinical team at Frenchay is led by Dr John Holloway, Medical Director and Consultant in Neuropsychiatry and Alison Woods, Hospital Director. They are supported by a full inter-disciplinary team headed by Dr Angus Graham, Consultant in Neurological Rehabilitation, Dr Sabrina Pietromartire, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Dr Annabel Crossman, Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine and Dr Angelita Cruz, Consultant Neuropsychologist.

Other members of the senior clinical team include:

- Gerry Roxburgh, Head of Therapies and Lead Speech and Language Therapist
- Pearl Griffiths, Interim Nurse Manager
- Jason Tovey, Deputy Nurse Manager
- Clare Belmont, Lead Physiotherapist
- Jo Heath, Lead Occupational Therapist
- Pat Lloyd and Paul Owen, Community Liaison Co-ordinators

Our senior team are supported by an extensive team comprising: nursing and rehabilitation staff, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists, psychologists, dietitians, activity co-ordinators, administrators, housekeeping, catering and maintenance staff.

Our specialist and experienced team work closely together to ensure that every team member is working towards the same practical, realistic goals and that all therapies are focused on the areas that will enable patients to achieve those clearly defined and agreed goals.

Having a philosophy where team work is all important means that our team members stay with us, resulting in an incredibly stable, experienced team used to working together daily to ensure that we remain the first choice of centre for all patients needing rehabilitation from a brain injury.



"The care and dedication shown to my sister following serious brain injury could not be faulted. All the staff have worked so hard in a friendly and positive way."

- Relative of a Huntercombe Frenchay patient



Enquiries & Referrals

Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

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Contact us



Frenchay Brain Injury Rehabilitation Centre

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Location

- Located in the grounds of the former Frenchay Hospital just off junction 1 of the M32. Entrance via Begbrook Park
- Within 1 mile of the M4 and 3 miles of the M5 motorways
- Bristol Temple Meads and Bristol Parkway stations both close by
- Bristol Airport 12 miles away
- Free on-site parking

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- Adult Mental Health
- Specialist Brain Injury
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

For more information on our hospital and our services, please visit our website:

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