

**Adult & Community Care**

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**PE1179/HH**

The Scottish Parliament  
Public Petitions Committee  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Midlothian Council Response to Public Petition No PE1179**  
**Social Care and Support for people with Acquired Brain Injury**

I am writing in response to the request posed by the Public Petitions Committee to all local authorities to provide information on how they each provide social care and support for people with Acquired Brain Injuries.

As suggested by ADSW, Midlothian Council Community Care services are directed towards the needs of the individual, identified through a person centred assessment and provided by individualised care planning.

Midlothian Council has a successfully operating Rapid Response Team and Reablement Service which can be utilised following hospital discharge. Referrals to Headway are also frequently made. Input may be provided by Local Area Co-ordinators, to assist a client to engage with appropriate voluntary support groups within the community, supplementing more formal service provision.

We work closely with our Health partners in Lothian, in trying to achieve the best possible outcomes for our clients. The Scottish Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service is based at the near-by Astley Ainslie Hospital in Edinburgh. Any Midlothian discharge from here is closely co-ordinated with the local Community Care Team based at Loanhead Social Work Centre.

The Brain Injury Rehab Service is included in a major re-provisioning project currently being planned which aims to redesign patient pathways. This may well prompt reconsideration of service provision for specific groups such as ABI, to improve transition between, and ongoing provision of, Health and Social Care services.

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Midlothian Council is currently in process of developing an action plan for people with physical disabilities, acquired brain injury and sensory impairment with its partners from the statutory and voluntary sector as well as service users and family carers. The action plan will outline service developments that will be delivered over next three years.

Yours sincerely

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