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FAMILY MATTERS: **Understanding and Addressing Family Needs after Acquired Brain Injury**

**Grange Tower Bridge Hotel,
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DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 08:45 - 09:15** **Registration Tea/Coffee, Networking & Exhibition Stands**
- 09:15 - 09:30** **Opening remarks by the Chair Dr Mark Holloway**
Mark Holloway is a brain injury case manager and expert witness at Head First. Mark's research interests include family experience of ABI and issues of executive impairment and mental capacity.
[Dr Mark Holloway, Brain Injury Case Manager & Expert Witness, Head First LLP](#)
- 09:30 - 09:45** **The Lived Experience**
This presentation was created with gratitude to the many family members of people with ABI, who were interviewed by Mark Holloway for his doctoral thesis. Their narratives have been adapted and are presented today by Kate Tym.
[Kate Tym, Performance Poet](#)
- 09:45 - 10:30** **Family Transition: the first year**
Charlie Wiffin is a nurse and a senior lecturer at the University of Derby. Charlie's PhD research was a study of family transition in the first year post-head injury, focussing on the perspectives of the non-injured family members.
Charlie will present her research findings on how family members benefit from support to recreate a narrative, to tell their story to help them understand the changes that have taken place to them as a consequence of the brain injury to their loved one.
[Dr Charlie Whiffin, Nurse & Senior Lecturer, University of Derby](#)
- 10:30 - 11:00** **Break, Tea/Coffee, Networking & Exhibition Stands**
- 11:00 - 11:45** **Family Needs: what we know through research**
Fergus Gracey is a neuropsychologist with an interest in adult and child rehabilitation following ABI. Fergus is a senior research fellow at the University of East Anglia and has a very broad range of research interests relating to ABI.
Fergus will provide an outline the international academic literature in relation to the impact of acquired brain injury on family members, setting the scene for what follows.
[Fergus Gracey, Clinical Neuropsychologist & Senior Fellow Researcher, University of East Anglia](#)





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11:45 - 12:15 Family Needs: first-hand experience

Family panel - During a facilitated discussion, family members will share their experiences of acquired brain injury, focussing in particular on what they found worked for them. Delegates will have the opportunity to learn from many years of hard-won knowledge, gaining a greater understanding of the wide ranging and complex impact upon family members.

12:15 - 12:30 Set up for Lunch

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch, Networking & Exhibition Stands

13:30 - 14:00 Interactive Activity - Headway East London (tbc)

14:00 - 14:45 Post-traumatic Stress

This is now more widely recognised to affect those that have sustained a brain injury but what about family members? Some relatives witness the traumatic event when their loved ones are injured, but most sustain unrelenting stress from the acute trauma and their subsequent experiences.
[Speaker to be confirmed](#)

14:45 - 15:15 Break, Tea/Coffee, Networking & Exhibition Stands

15:15 - 16:00 Facilitating Adjustment

This presentation will build upon the previous speakers' contributions, providing a practical framework and guidance for engaging traumatised family members to address their own needs alongside the needs of their loved ones.

[Dr Howard Fine, Consultant Clinical Psychologist & Paediatric Neuropsychologist, Recolo](#)

16:00 - 16:45 Supportive Intervention

Caroline Ellis-Hill is an Occupational Therapist by background and is a senior lecturer in qualitative research at Bournemouth University. Caroline has a particular interest in the humanisation of health and social care.

Caroline will examine the potential role of the "expert companion" to support family members through the trauma and perpetual uncertainty that life post brain injury brings for family members, focussing on the need for professionals to "humanise" their approach and allow a new narrative to develop that supports family members to adjust and manage the demands of their changed role.

[Caroline Ellis-Hill, Occupational Therapist & Senior Lecturer, Bournemouth University](#)

16:45 - 17:00 Closing remarks by Chair

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