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The Justice Project

Headway – the brain injury association

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The Justice Project

- **Raise awareness** of brain injury and its effects throughout the criminal justice system
- Help the police and others **identify** if someone they are in contact with has a brain injury
- Ensure brain injury survivors **receive appropriate support**
- Provide brain injury survivors with **specialist legal advice and representation**
- **Divert** people with brain injuries away from the criminal justice system where appropriate



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Why?

Published evidence from around the world indicates that there is high prevalence of offenders with brain injuries and that having a brain injury increases the risk of reoffending

<https://www.headway.org.uk/supporting-you/brain-injury-identity-card/brain-injury-and-the-criminal-justice-system/>

In addition survivors of a brain injury can be victims of hate crime and witnesses to crime and need support in these circumstances



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How?



**A simple
solution
to a tricky
conversation**

Sign up for your
Brain Injury Identity Card today



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www.headway.org.uk/IDcard

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Public launch HRH Prince Harry

“This surely is a life-changing moment for people with a brain injury, whether or not they ever get arrested”





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Benefits

- Helps police and others identify if someone has a brain injury
- It will help to ensure that support is provided in these situations
- Access to a unique 24-hour legal helpline managed by a firm of solicitors that have received training in understanding brain injury
- Free of charge
- It can be used in many different, potentially difficult or emergency situations



Survey of ID card holders

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A survey of 1,304 cardholders generated 595 responses and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive...

97% of respondents told us they thought their ID card was excellent or good

58% of respondents told us they had used their ID card

72% told us they have used their ID card in a social scenario setting

10% had used their card with the police

97% of respondents told us that when they used their ID card it was very helpful or helpful



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Feedback

"I'm not good in crowded places and I dread going through airports as the stress brought on seizures. With my card I found it helped with the service I received and saved me any embarrassment travelling. It's made a big difference to my daily life"

"I feel better placed to leave the house and know I have my card on me should anyone see me in pain/confused etc. I can now show my card and hopefully not have to worry about being asked lots of questions which makes the situation worse"

"It gives me confidence to challenge anything"

"I just wanted to thank you for accepting me for a Brain I. D. Card. I feel that this official information will give me the added confidence I need to step out there' and 'grow in this confidence as I meet life's challenges with 'a smile and a skip in my step"



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Progress

We have now issued **6,500** brain injury identity cards to survivors across the UK

Training has been delivered to:

- NHS England Liaison and Diversion Practitioners
- Crown Prosecution Service prosecutors
- National Appropriate Adults Network
- Public Prosecution Prosecutors (Northern Ireland)
- Police Custody Staff
- Independent Custody Visitors
- Metropolitan Police Mental Health Teams

We have scheduled training for:

- All 1,400 Metropolitan Police Custody Officers early next year



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International Recognition

Zero Project Award winner



Shortlisted for Law Society Excellence Awards 2019

Overseas interest in the Project

- Canada
- Australia
- Europe



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Our Partners

