Eligibility Criteria

Referrals will be considered for people who have:

- Referral from GP or Rehabilitation Specialist
- Primary diagnosis of traumatic brain injury, aged between 3 and 65 years of age
- Live in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District
- Live in North East Victoria and are compensable (funded by insurance)
- Are medically stable
- Are willing to participate in a rehabilitation program

Priority is given to people who have sustained a traumatic brain injury. People with acquired brain injury who have cognitive rehabilitation needs will be considered.

Cost

There is no charge to clients for services by SWBIRS. Where there is insurance or compensation coverage, costs will be charged direct to the insurer.

Referrals

Referral forms are available via:

South West Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service

02 6041 9902
MLHD-Albury-SWBIRS@health.nsw.gov.au

South West Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service (SWBIRS)
Murrumbidgee Local Health District
www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au

Albury Office (Head Office)
Wagga Wagga Office

335 Reservoir Rd, Lavington NSW 2641
02 6041 9902
02 6041 9928

Clinical Team Leader
02 6041 9902
MLHD-Albury-SWBIRS@health.nsw.gov.au

The South West Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service is a Murrumbidgee Local Health District service offering goal centered rehabilitation to support people with traumatic brain injury to reintegrate into their communities.

All people with traumatic brain injury have the right to an independent and fulfilling life.
South West Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service (SWBIRS) provides a continuum of specialised rehabilitation to children and adults who have sustained a traumatic brain injury (TBI). The service is provided by a dedicated multidisciplinary team who have expertise in cognitive rehabilitation and community re-entry.

SWBIRS is based in Albury and Wagga Wagga within Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD). We work with people from MLHD and compensable clients from North East Victoria. SWBIRS is part of the NSW Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program (BIRP), a network of specialist brain injury rehabilitation providers throughout metropolitan and regional NSW.

Our Goals

- SWBIRS aims to empower people with brain injuries, their family and carers to optimize participation and engagement in their life.
- SWBIRS will provide rehabilitation and support to people with traumatic brain injury and those supporting them, within the serviced region.
- Multidisciplinary rehabilitation programs will be person-specific based on the person’s individual goals.
- Clients will receive an equitable service based on assessed individual need.
- Rehabilitation programs will be based on the best available evidence.

We will plan with our clients to transition to appropriate supports on discharge from SWBIRS.

Our Rehabilitation Approach

SWBIRS adopts a collaborative and contextualised approach to rehabilitation. This means SWBIRS will work closely with you and others around you to develop your plan for rehabilitation. This plan will support you to achieve the goals important to you.

Paediatric Service

- Outreach Rehabilitation

Adult Services

- Transitional Living Unit (Tarkarri)
- Outreach Rehabilitation

Service Provision

- SWBIRS has experienced staff, qualified in the following areas:
  - Neuropsychology
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Speech Pathology
  - Physiotherapy
  - Social Work
  - Rehabilitation Coordination
  - Living Skills Education

- SWBIRS offers a comprehensive assessment, rehabilitation, rehabilitation co-ordination, management service and tertiary referral service.
- Visiting rehabilitation specialist and psychiatric specialist available to clients who are participating in a rehabilitation program.
- SWBIRS provides education programs to local educational institutions and community organisations.
- SWBIRS provides a consultancy service for other allied health clinicians working within our district.
- SWBIRS staff are experienced in the management of compensable clients.