



Homelessness and brain injury: The invisible disability in an invisible population

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- **Rates of head injury in homeless populations are reported between 43-53%***
- Rates of hospitalised head injury are 5 times greater for the homeless population**
- **People with unrecognised neuropsychological needs often 'bounce' between services or remain invisible**

*Mackelprang, Harpin, Grubenhoff & Rivara, 2014; Hwang et al., 2008

**MacMillan et al., 2014



Wearing many cloaks of invisibility

- Trauma
- Violence
- Housing
- Hunger
- Alcohol use
- Drug use
- Crime
- Mental health difficulties
- Physical health difficulties...



What difficulties might we see?

- Attention
- Concentration
- Memory
- Organising & planning
- Emotion regulation
- Anger & irritability



***“How and why do some brain
injured people become
homeless?”***

Further reading and contacts

- *Experiences of homelessness and brain injury* (Brooks & Grant, 2016)
- ***Not my First Rodeo*** video on homelessness and brain injury on YouTube (2nd place UKABIF film awards)
- www.neurotriage.com

Thank-you for listening



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