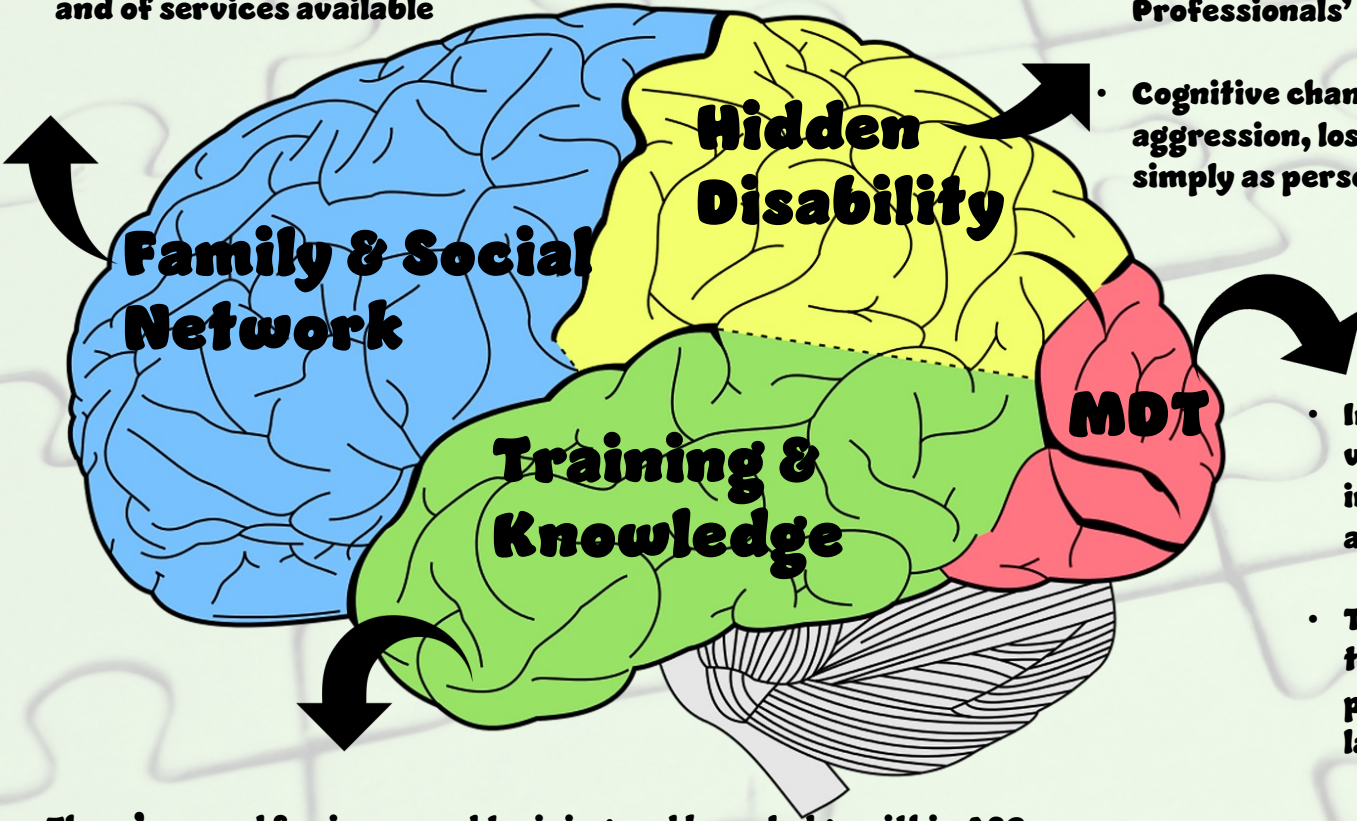


Adult Social Care and the Puzzle of Acquired Brain Injury

- Family and social network is central to reintegration into community
- Should be viewed as part of rehabilitation
- Strain placed on support networks is significant: breakdown of relationships is common. This often leads to isolation
- Support networks need more support including knowledge of ABI and of services available



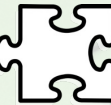
- Barrier to effective assessment and support
- Difficult to assess individuals without visible or obvious impairments
- Difficulty in assessing compounded by Professionals' lack of knowledge
- Cognitive changes can include irritability, aggression, loss of empathy: these can be viewed simply as personality traits

- There's a need for improved training and knowledge within ASC
- Currently no essential or prequalifying training for Social Workers
- Professionals feel underprepared: access their own information from sources such as TV Dramas
- Need for better understanding around MCA and executive functioning and role of ABI

- Impact of ABI can be very varied: meaning it's likely individuals will work with an array of professionals
- These services often work together inadequately: poor communication and lack of co-ordination
- Lack of collaborative working impacts individual's recovery; and reinforces divides between professionals

The Solutions?

Specialist Training on ABI



Focused Training on carrying out Mental Capacity Assessments for people with ABI



Improve navigation of services for ABI



An improvement in specialist services for people with ABI



Lobby for Awareness and Change on a Macro level

