

Staff

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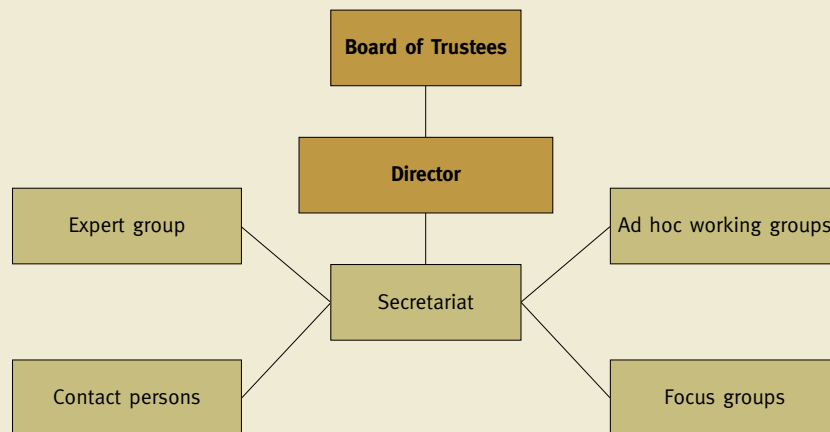
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All those interested are welcome to contact the Brain Injury Resource Centre. Enquiries and requests for subscriptions to

the magazine Fokus (distributed free) can be made via mail at info@vfhj.dk or on tel. 75 89 78 77, daily from 9 am to 2 pm, Fridays 9 am to 1 pm.

Diagram of organization:



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The Brain Injury Resource Centre

The Brain Injury Resource Centre is a national institution that gathers, processes and in particular distributes information about acquired brain injuries in children and adults, from the hospital phase to everyday life after injury.

The most common causes of injury are accidents, stroke or diseases of the brain such as meningitis.

The Brain Injury Resource Centre is a self-governing institution financed by the counties of Denmark and the municipalities of Copenhagen and Frederiksberg. It was established in 1994 as part of the counties' commitment to providing specialised advice in the field of care for the handicapped.

Overall responsibility for the Resource Centre is vested in a Board of Trustees, which appoints a Director to manage the day-to-day administration. The Director is responsible to the Board for the administrative and professional development of the Centre.

Aim

The aim of the Resource Centre is to provide information on brain injury to those professionally and otherwise involved in caring for individuals suffering from acquired brain injuries, and to assist them in improving the standard of treatment in Denmark both regionally and nationally. The information gathered is made available to all those interested.

The Centre disseminates information on brain injury by:

- maintaining a web page at www.vfhj.dk
- publishing a quarterly magazine, Fokus
- answering queries and giving advice on treatment of brain injuries
- organizing national and international conferences and other events designed to raise public awareness.

Development work

- coordinating and disseminating a vast range of projects within the field of brain injury

- cooperating closely with a countrywide network representing a variety of professional and other interests
- establishing focus groups and task forces to survey existing research, draw up reports or make proposals on relevant issues
- producing and distributing reports, pamphlets, films etc.

Web page

The Resource Centre's web page contains a wealth of useful information - among other things:

- the web edition of the magazine Fokus
- a database with an overview of the forms of treatment and special accommodation available in Denmark for children and adults suffering from acquired brain injuries
- a calendar of national and international conferences, special events and courses relating to brain injuries
- a database of current and completed projects in the field
- downloads of materials arising from conferences and special events
- reports and pamphlets issued by the Resource Centre
- an e-mail newsletter, issued approx. bi-monthly
- links to relevant associations, interest organisations, etc
- a search function giving access to Fokus articles, projects and relevant literature.-

Educational fund

The Resource Centre administers an edu-



cational fund (REHAB-puljen) to support further training of relevant professional groups in Denmark, providing financial assistance for courses, research trips etc.

Network

To support the Resource Centre an Expert Group has been set up consisting of an inter-disciplinary panel of experts involved in the treatment, rehabilitation, revalidation and training of people with acquired brain injuries, together with representatives of user organisations. Every county in Denmark has assigned a contact person with whom the Resource Centre's staff regularly exchange experience and information within the field of brain injury. In addition to this the Resource Centre has built up a large network from the many projects, focus groups and task forces that it has been involved in over the years.

