



brain tumour
IRELAND

HEADS UP

EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF BRAIN TUMOURS

Understanding and spotting the signs and symptoms
of brain tumours in children and teenagers.

ABOUT BRAIN TUMOURS

There are many different types of tumours and each patient is unique. This means that even the same type of tumour can affect different children in different ways, and the treatments may not be identical.

The doctors and nursing staff looking after your child will give you individual information about your child's condition and are best placed to answer any specific questions or discuss any concerns you may have.

Every year in Ireland, approximately 65 children and young people are diagnosed with a brain or other central nervous system (CNS) tumour. In the period 2011-2020, brain and CNS tumours were the most common childhood cancer (0-15 years), accounting for 27% of cancers, alongside leukaemia (also 27%).

With thanks to the doctors and nurses at **Children's Hospital Ireland (CHI)**, **The National Cancer Registry Ireland**, and **The Brain Tumour Charity UK** for their contribution and resource sharing.

If your baby, child or teenager has **one of the symptoms** listed, **make an appointment with your GP.**

If they have **two or more symptoms**, ask your **GP for an urgent referral to a consultant.**

***If they have any of the symptoms marked with an asterisk, make an appointment with both your GP and optician.**

BABIES | UNDER 5 YEARS

01

PERSISTENT/ RECURRENT VOMITING

02

BALANCE/ CO-ORDINATION/ WALKING PROBLEMS

03

INCREASING HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE (CROSSING CENTILES)

04

BEHAVIOUR CHANGE, PARTICULARLY LETHARGY

05

FITS OR SEIZURES (NOT WITH A FEVER)

06

ABNORMAL HEAD POSITION SUCH AS WRY NECK, HEAD TILT OR STIFF NECK*

07

ABNORMAL EYE MOVEMENTS OR SUSPECTED LOSS OF VISION*

CHILDREN | 5-11 YEARS

01

PERSISTENT/ RECURRENT VOMITING

02

BALANCE/ CO-ORDINATION/ WALKING PROBLEMS

03

BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

04

FITS OR SEIZURES

05

ABNORMAL HEAD POSITION SUCH AS WRY NECK, HEAD TILT OR STIFF NECK*

06

PERSISTENT/ RECURRENT HEADACHE*

07

ABNORMAL EYE MOVEMENTS*

08

BLURRED OR DOUBLE VISION/ LOSS OF VISION*

TEENS | 12-18 YEARS

01

PERSISTENT/ RECURRENT VOMITING

02

BALANCE/ CO-ORDINATION/ WALKING PROBLEMS

03

BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

04

FITS OR SEIZURES

05

DELAYED OR ARRESTED PUBERTY

06

ABNORMAL EYE MOVEMENTS*

07

PERSISTENT/ RECURRENT HEADACHE*

08

BLURRED OR DOUBLE VISION/ LOSS OF VISION*



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BRAIN TUMOUR IRELAND

Brain Tumour Ireland was founded in 2012 by a small group of people caring for a family member who was sadly lost to a Brain Tumour.

As a national organisation, we hope to create a place where people can come for information, guidance and comfort. A place to learn what to expect and to find comfort in a supportive community.

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