



BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION COMPANIES

BARC – The British Association of Rehabilitation Companies - What does it mean? What does it do? What holds for the future?

Background

The British Association of Rehabilitation Companies (BARC) was officially launched at the House of Commons in May 2009. BARC then undertook its' inaugural Council election in 2010.

BARC has now developed its' draft Strategic Direction for 2011 & 2012, which is currently being consulted upon by the entire membership and will be finalised in the New Year 2011.

Aim

The aim of BARC is:

“To protect the commercial interests and professional reputation of its members through collaboration and co-operation, whilst adhering to quality standards”

Our strategic theme is to create an Association that attracts the most highly respected members of the rehabilitation marketplace, and works effectively to protect and progress the industry by committing itself to its members' commercial success and growth.

We aim to achieve this by building our membership and profile and working with our strategic partners in the insurance, medical and legal professions; in addition to such groups as the United Kingdom Rehabilitation Council (UKRC) and Commercial Occupation Health Providers Association (COHPA).

BARC Membership Opportunities

BARC is always looking to attract new members from the commercial rehabilitation sector such as, but not limited to, Rehabilitation Case Management companies, Treatment Providers and their agencies, Healthcare

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and Vocational Practitioner companies, Specialist Rehabilitation Practitioners, Prosthetic Providers, to name but a few.

Company membership is costed on an annual basis, with priced fees for membership that suits all companies, large or small.

The full membership meet three times a year; with the Council meeting six times a year.

The benefits associated with membership are many:

- Engaging and networking with colleagues of the industry on a regular basis
- Contributing to raising the profile of rehabilitation, both professionally and politically
- Aiding in the debate over the arbitrary use of rehabilitation in the insurance industry, by supporting the use of rectification methodologies as opposed to the current compensation culture
- Support to enable the financial stability of the industry and its members
- Inclusion in the debate on mandatory rehabilitation and regulation
- Enable individual companies to bring key issues to the table for debate and advice
- Enable individual companies to build a nation wide network of colleagues
- Ability to contribution to BARCs' five key theme work streams

BARCs' strategic work streams cover five key topics:

- Drawing up a modern constitution and code of conduct for members
- Political lobbying and cross partner working
- Liaising and developing key relationships with the insurance, medical and legal professions
- Growing a highly respected membership
- Developing industry wide terms of trade

The Future

Our endeavour for the future is that BARC will be a nationally recognised association which is on par with organisations such as APIL, FOIL and UKRC.

We have a strong strategic plan to build the association as well as the rehabilitation marketplace, by working together with our partners to make rehabilitation clinically effective and cost efficient, leading to a commercially sound and financially stable environment.

We plan to work hard with the insurance industry and government to influence the growth of the rehabilitation sector.

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