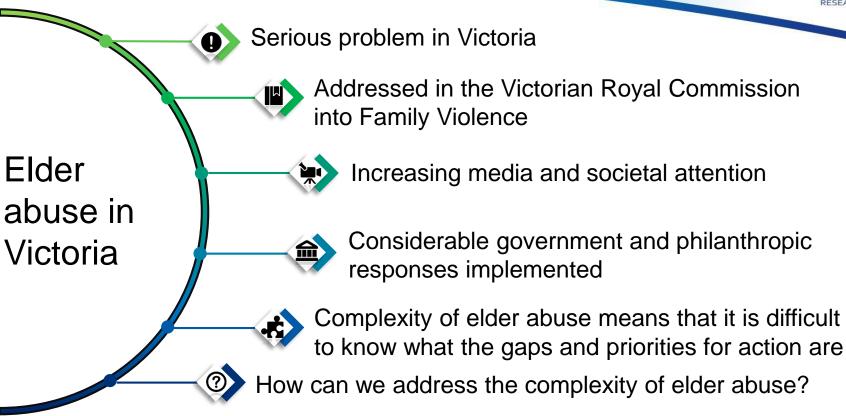


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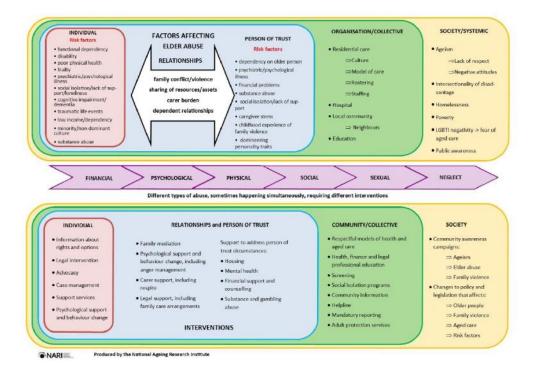
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The complexity of elder abuse: risk factors and interventions





Developing an action plan for Victoria

Aim:

- Scope current initiatives and identify gaps
- Focus on the voice of the sector

Methods

- Literature review
- •Surveys 146
- •Focus groups 2x14
- Scope existing initiatives
- •Reviewed previous research with older people

Outcome

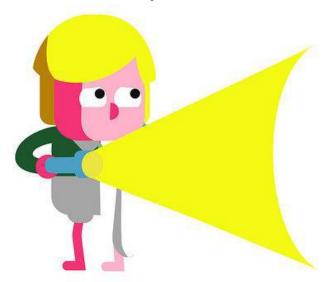
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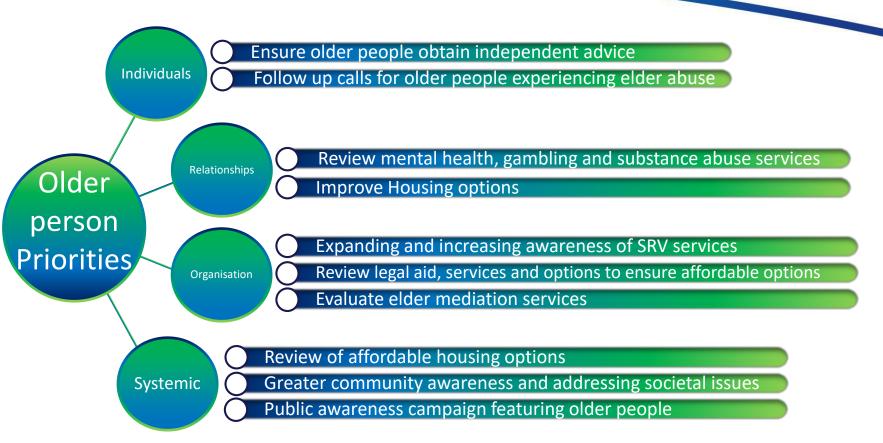
Increase availability of older person centered alternatives Improve understanding and response to elder abuse in **Individuals CALD** and Indigenous communities Increase family mediation services Relationships Clarify if carer stress is a risk factor for elder abuse Priorities Standardised tools and implementing a common framework Provide education and training for health professionals Organisation Improve data collection and increase evaluation Clarify relationship between family violence and elder abuse Raise community awareness of elder abuse and reduce ageism **Systemic** Improve housing options for perpetrators and victims



Scoping existing initiatives – priorities to recommendations









The experience of the older person should be considered Individuals Explore different methods of family mediation Relationships Explore and research if carer stress is a risk for elder abuse Recommendations Provide education and training for health professionals Develop a central knowledge resource hub Organisation Evaluation of existing and new services, frameworks and models Reconsider the term 'elder abuse' with respect for indigenous communities Public awareness campaign featuring older people to reduce ageism Systemic Address Housing issues Clarify relationship between elder abuse and family violence



Action plan implementation

Consider how your organisation can best address the gaps.

Consider how your organisation can complement existing work.



Consider
opportunities to
work together to
address these
priorities.

Include and engage older people in the process.

NARI team:

- Launch and media
- Promote with government and philanthropy
- Further develop projects and identify partners
- Already working on a number of priority areas
 - Definition with AIFS
 - Screening tools
 - Older people's priorities



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Bringing research to life