

A grassroots approach to elder abuse on the Gold Coast



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Overview



- How did the project come about?
- Key Stakeholders
- Challenges & Achievements
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How did the project come about?



- *EAPU held a training session for Gold Coast Private Social Worker group in late 2015*
- **Social workers within this meeting raised concerns about responses to elder abuse on the Gold Coast and how key agencies were responding**
- *EAPU and Social worker representatives met to discuss cases and what might be possible*
- **First stakeholder meeting was held in June 2016**

Key Stakeholders



Challenges & Achievements

- Commitment from organisation's
- Information sharing
- Consent issues where the older person has impaired capacity
- Time constraints

Services are limited by their legislative frameworks

Creative thinking

Organisations have been willing to offer their services on top of normal workload

What's in the best interest of the older person

Willingness to work together and share ideas

Measures of Success



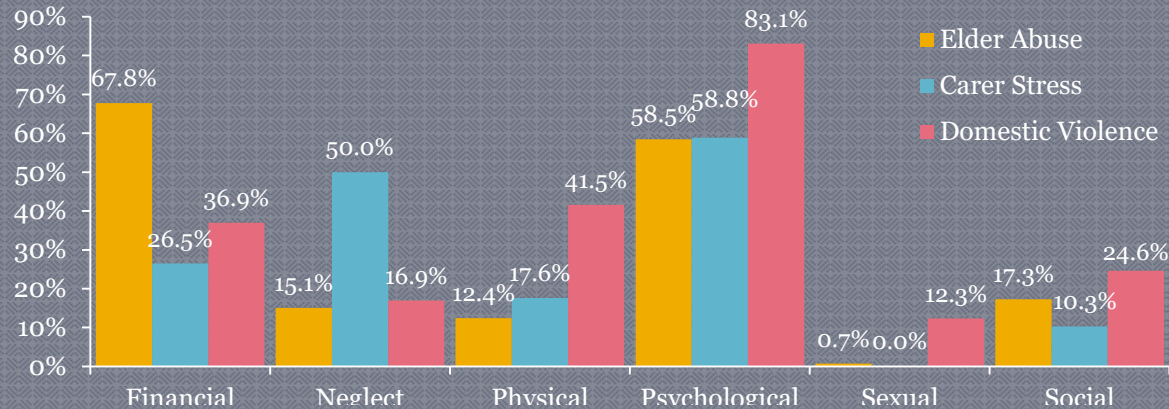
Responses from Members:

- A network is always positive and provides opportunity to appreciate how other agencies respond.
- Generally enhance knowledge base and create contacts for when future issues arise. A coordinated approach is the best method.
- It's given me an opportunity to learn more about what other services do and to know where to go depending on the situation with my client.
- The Reference Group needs to have more diverse membership

Abuse Models



- Percentage of Victims Reporting Each Abuse Type in Domestic Violence, Carer Stress and Elder Abuse Cases.



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Case Studies



- Carer Stress Model
- Domestic Violence Model
- Elder Abuse Model

A Grassroots Approach.....



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