# **Expression of Interest | Membership to the <LGA> Abuse Prevention Collaborative**

Thank you for your consideration in being part of our abuse prevention collaborative. Our goal is to better support <older people or adults with disability> living in <LGA> who are at risk of, or are experiencing abuse, neglect or exploitation in their family, home and community.

## **Why do we need a Collaborative in <LGA>**

In <LGA> <outline key issues in this area affecting older people or adults with disability. Consider population data, issues raised with local council, access to services, etc>

Reports made to the NSW Ageing and Disability Commission indicate that <refer to ADC [data](https://www.ageingdisabilitycommission.nsw.gov.au/tools-and-resources/dashboard-data) or [community profile](https://www.ageingdisabilitycommission.nsw.gov.au/tools-and-resources/for-professionals/easi-toolkit)>

We need a Collaborative to provide an innovative, structured model to efficiently and effectively address and respond to the abuse of older people in our community. We will work together to:

* galvanise the knowledge, skills and resources of relevant local agencies
* build local capacity in identifying, responding and preventing the abuse of older people
* promote early intervention
* strengthen local referral pathways
* increase support for older people in the local area
* promote best practice reporting policies and processes
* build awareness of elder abuse in the local community.

## **What you will do as a member of this Collaborative**

Abuse Prevention Collaboratives are essential in localising responses to abuse, neglect and exploitation of older people and adults with disability in family, home and community settings. Supported by the NSW Ageing and Disability Commission, you will play a vital role in safeguarding adults at risk of abuse by:

1. Running community awareness activities to help people in your area know where to go for support, and talk about issues related to abuse, neglect and exploitation of <older people/adults with disability>.
2. Helping organisations better understand their role in better understanding and reporting abuse.
3. Identify ways to improving referral pathways between organisations involved in the Collaborative.

**Benefits for your organisation**

By joining our Collaborative, you are helping our community stand up for the rights of older people or adults with disability by implementing practical, local decisions that will make a difference to the lives of adults vulnerable to abuse. You and your organisations involvement will also bring valuable insights to the work we do, and provide greater professional development opportunities to your staff and colleagues.

## **How to join**

If you would like to become involved in this important initiative please respond via <email address>. You will then receive an invitation to attend an establishment meeting. Meetings will be held <regularity of meeting> at either <location> or via <Zoom/MS Teams>.

We look forward to hearing from you.