

# Hunter Region

Cessnock, Dungog, Port Stephens & Singleton

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reports

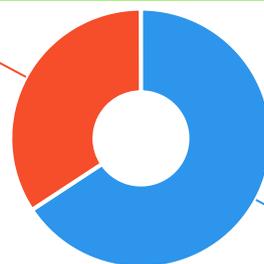


The Ageing & Disability Commission (ADC) received 70 reports related to allegations or concerns of abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability across **Cessnock, Dungog, Port Stephens & Singleton** in 2020\*.

65%

of reports received in this region related to an older person.\*

24 reports



46 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

Of reports related to **adults with disability\***

50%

were male



Of reports related to **older people\***

73%

were female



75% of reports about **adults with disability** were made by a **paid worker**<sup>^</sup>



34%

of reports about **older people** came from a **paid worker**<sup>^</sup>

45%

of reports came from the **adult child** of the older person

6%

from the adult experiencing abuse themselves



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reports came from adults who identified as **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander**~



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reports involved an adult who spoke a language other than English at home, with **Portuguese** the most commonly reported language

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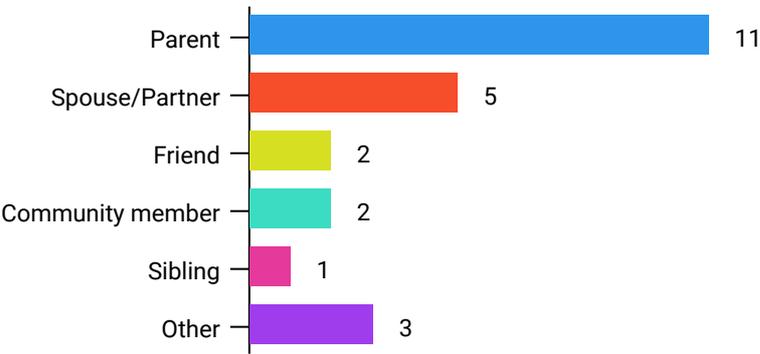
\* Information taken from the Ageing & Disability Commission data collected between 1 January - 31 December 2020 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

<sup>^</sup>A paid worker is defined as a formal paid support, for example an NDIS support worker or CHSP support worker.

~ Adults who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are 50 years of age and over.

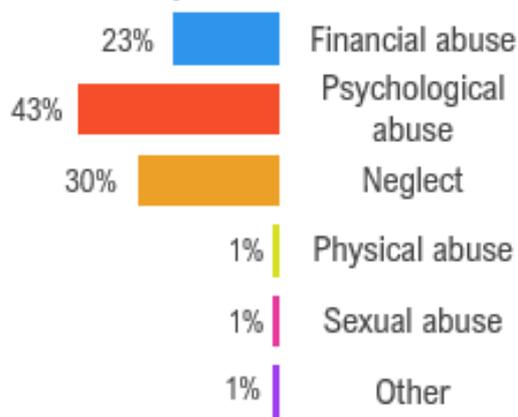
Reports about adults with disability most **commonly involved the parent\*** as the subject of allegation.

**86%** of reports relating to older people involved family members, **mainly adult children**, as the subject of allegation\*.

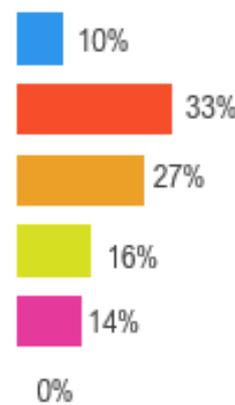


The most commonly reported types of abuse towards older people were **verbal abuse**, **failure to meet support needs** and **theft**.

### Older persons



### Adults with disability



The most commonly reported type of abuse towards adults with disability were **failure to meet support needs**, **restricting access to support services** and **hitting/punching**.

## What else do we know about the Hunter region?

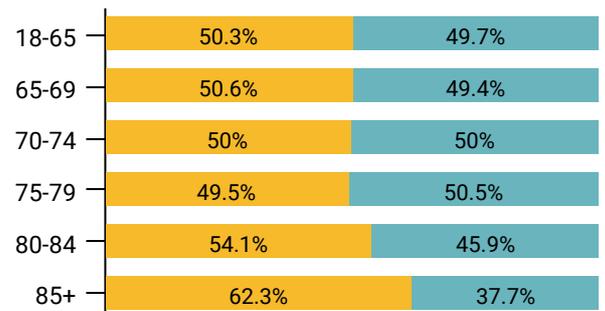
**17%**

of the population are over the age of 65<sup>1</sup>



There are more women than men over the age of 85<sup>1</sup>

● Female ● Male



**73%** of all households are

family households **23%** are single person households and **4%** are group households<sup>2</sup>



**5.2%**

of households speak a language other than English<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> The ADC classifies abuse into 5 broad categories, with a list of signs to indicate the type of alleged abuse reported.

<sup>2</sup> 2016 Population data by LGA

<sup>2</sup> 2016 Census QuickStats, where group household refers to unrelated flatmate or co-tenancy arrangements