

# NSW Ageing and Disability Commission

Trends relating to reports of abuse and neglect of older people in NSW

2020-2022 Data Report\*



# 8,462

reports about older people, a **38%** increase over three years

## 75-84 years

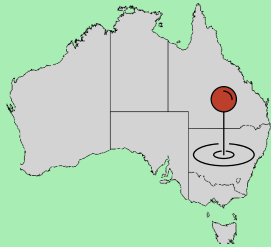
The largest proportion of reports related to people across this age range



Most reports were about **women (67%)**

**Key outcomes** of reports included that the will and preference of the older person was sought and upheld, and they were assisted to receive more support including aged care and legal support.

Regional NSW accounted for just over half of reports, with the **Hunter, Illawarra Shoalhaven, and Central Coast** the most common areas.



**Central Coast, Blacktown and Canterbury-Bankstown** have been the most common local government areas identified in reports about **older people**.



Adult children (**29%**) and paid workers (**28%**) were the main reporters of concerns about **older people**. **16%** of reports were made by the older person themselves.

An increase to

# 17



Elder Abuse Prevention Collaboratives that support and raise awareness about abuse in their local communities across NSW

# 40%



of alleged abuse was **psychological** (verbal abuse and preventing/restricting access to family and friends)

# 28%



of alleged abuse was **financial** (financial exploitation, misuse of Power of Attorney/Enduring Power of Attorney, and theft)

# 62%

of reports related to alleged abuse by the older person's relatives.

Most (**53%**) related to the alleged abuse by the older person's adult child.



The languages spoken at home other than English by older people who were the subject of a report were **Greek, Italian, Arabic, Spanish, Croatian, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Polish, Macedonian and Serbian**.