



NSW Collaboratives

A co-ordinated local response



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Elder Abuse - hard to detect, under reported



Leonie (88 yo) has cognitive impairment, diabetes, respiratory disease and low vision. She moved in with her son and his wife. After hearing calls for help over many hours, a neighbor calls the police. The police find Leonie locked in her room. She has not eaten for two days and is covered in faeces and urine. Police call an ambulance. At the local hospital Leonie is diagnosed with dehydration and malnourishment, she has pressure ulcers on her leg and hip. Severe bruising is observed on her upper arms.



Elder Abuse – an interagency response



Preventing and responding to abuse of older people: NSW Interagency policy (2014)

“to develop a state-wide response to the abuse of older people”

Each day as many as 50 000 older people experience abuse in NSW.

As few as one in fives cases are reported.

Abuse often takes place within a close, trusted relationship.

NSW Elder Abuse Interagency Collaboratives

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Interagency collaboratives facilitate learning and change within areas and regions to meet the requirements of the NSW policy.

EAHRU works to ensure agencies and collaboratives are resourced to respond at a local level.

EAHRU acts in partnership to provide support, referrals and guidance to encourage prevention, identification and responses to the abuse of older people.



Northern Rivers Collaborative

Commencing in October 2014, the Northern Rivers Collaborative meets every six weeks. Interagency representatives include:

- Northern Rivers Social Development Council
- Legal Aid
- Commonwealth Respite & Carelink
- Legacy
- Aged Care Assessment Team
- Casino Neighbourhood Centre
- The Aged Care Rights Centre
- Alzheimers Australia NSW
- EAHRU

Expanding to include representatives from Centrelink, NSW Police & Ambulance

Sharing resources, expanding referral networks.



NSW Elder Abuse & Resource Unit

Our goal is to have a network of collaboratives across all of NSW.

If there isn't an interagency collaborative in your area, we can help you start one.

Questions?

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Monday – Friday (8:30am – 5:00pm)

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