



NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OLDER PEOPLE NEWSLETTER

 NCPPOP

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ELDER ABUSE IS:

- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Psychological Abuse
- Financial or Material Abuse
- Neglect (by omission or commission)
- Discriminatory Abuse

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the National Centre for the Protection of Older People. This is the first of our regular newsletters designed to keep you up to date with the activities of the Centre.

What is NCPPOP?

NCPPOP stands for the National Centre for the Protection of Older People. NCPPOP is undertaking a programme of research into elder abuse in Ireland. Its research will provide information to underpin policy and service delivery. It is funded by the HSE.

NCPPOP consists of a collaborative research team from:

- UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems
- UCD School of Applied Social Science
- UCD School of Public Health and Population Science
- UCD School of Medicine and Medical Science
- UCD Geary Institute

NCPPOP is supported by an international panel of experts, a HSE steering group and a group representing older people.

The Centre focuses on a programme of research examining elder abuse in Ireland which will result in original research outputs contributing to the development of policy and practice in relation to elder abuse. In arriving at directions for best practice the Centre draws on international research and developments in the field of elder abuse and has developed international collaborations with leading researchers in the field. The Centre is a primary resource for those working with, or having contact with, older people in areas of health and social care, law services and financial services.



NCPPOP— working together to combat ELDER ABUSE

What is Elder Abuse?

Elder abuse is **“A single or repeated act or lack of appropriate actions occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person or violates their human and civil rights”** (*Protecting Our Future* report of the Working Group on Elder Abuse 2002).

Elder abuse is being increasingly identified as an international and social problem in a growing older population. International studies estimate the prevalence of abuse at between 3% and 5% of the population aged 65 years and older, however these figures are regarded as an underestimate (*Open Your Eyes*, HSE 2009).



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Other Useful Websites



Age Action is a charity which promotes positive ageing and better policies and services for older people.
www.ageaction.ie



Cosc is the National Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence. Cosc is an Irish word meaning "to stop" or "to prevent". The work of Cosc covers issues relating to domestic and sexual violence against women and men, including older people in the community.
www.cosc.ie



Independent Age Ireland helps older people on low incomes to live with dignity and peace of mind.
www.independentage.ie

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Visit our Website! www.ncpop.ie

Through its website NCPop is working to provide an up to date response for those working in the field of older people and elder abuse. A range of resources including Irish governmental reports and publications as well as many international publications and reports are available on our website. In addition, there are training and educational resources and a catalogue of reference material on the subject of ageing and elder abuse. The website contains links to national and international websites which will be of use to those who work with or who have an interest in the issue of elder abuse.

The NCPop website is being constantly updated so visit regularly to keep up to date with the issues concerning elder abuse and the research of the centre. www.ncpop.ie



Seminars 2010

DATE	TITLE AND SPEAKER
Tuesday 16th February	Title: The adequacy of protecting older people from abuse and neglect: Legal provision, medico-legal investigation & reporting Speaker: Prof. Denis Cusack Title: NCPop legislation resources Speaker: Ms. Imogen Lyons
Tuesday 23rd March	Title: A cross-national study of how social workers respond to cases of elder abuse in the community Speaker: Dr. Janet Carter-Anand
Tuesday 27th April	Title: Public perceptions of older people and ageing Speaker: Ms. Imogen Lyons Title: Media representations of ageing and identity Speaker: Prof. Gerard Fealy/Dr. Martin McNamara
Tuesday 1st June	Title: Public perceptions of elder abuse Speaker: Dr. Attracta Lafferty Title: Media representations of elder abuse Speaker: Ms. Amanda Phelan
TIME:	5.30pm
VENUE:	UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Systems Health Science Centre, University College Dublin Belfield, Dublin 4 <i>RSVP by emailing ncpop@ucd.ie or telephoning (01) 7166467</i>

Concerned about Elder Abuse?

If you are concerned about elder abuse call save the HSE Information Line:

1850 24 1850

The HSE Information Line is open
Monday to Saturday from 8am to 8pm.

This service will provide you with details of the HSE staff in your local area who can assist you.



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