



NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OLDER PEOPLE NEWSLETTER



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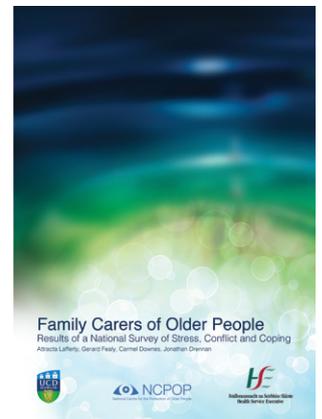
Welcome to the newsletter from the National Centre for the Protection of Older People (NCPOP) at UCD which is designed to keep you up to date with the activities of the Centre.

Launch of NCPOP Research Report

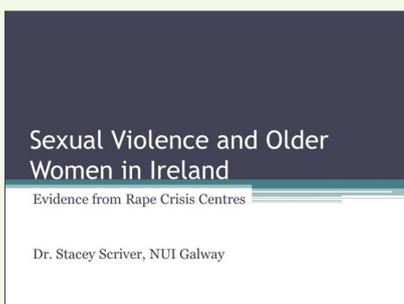
'Family Carers of Older People: Results of a National Survey of Stress, Conflict and Coping'

As part of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day conference on the 12th of June 2014, the NCPOP will launch a report entitled **'Family Carers of Older People: Results of a National Survey of Stress, Conflict and Coping'**. Led by Dr. Attracta Lafferty, the study comprised a national cross-sectional survey of carers in receipt of a carer's allowance for care provided to an older person. A total of 2,311 carers participated in an anonymous postal survey which measured carers' experiences of stress, coping and conflict. The survey results can be used to inform the development of early interventions that address the needs of carers of older people and to prevent conflict within caregiving relationships.

The full report is available to download from www.ncpop.ie



Seminar Series 2013-2014



Sexual Violence and Older Women in Ireland: Evidence from Rape Crisis Centres

The NCPOP hosted a seminar on 25th November 2013 entitled **'Sexual Violence and Older Women in Ireland: Evidence from Rape Crisis Centres'**. Dr. Stacey Scriver, National University Galway delivered a presentation on the results from a study of the data collected through the RCNI National Statistical Database in 2011. The focus of the study was to gain a better understanding of older women survivors and of their experiences and needs.

PowerPoint slides are available to download from www.ncpop.ie

Age Friendly Workplaces

As part of the NCPOP Seminar Series, Professor Simon Biggs, Professor of Gerontology and Social Policy at the University of Melbourne, will give a talk entitled **'Age Friendly Workplaces'** at 5pm on 12th June 2014. This presentation will critically explore some of the reasons for creating workplaces that are both age friendly and age diverse. The question of what is needed to adapt culturally to an ageing society has become a policy priority both nationally and internationally. The presentation will draw on recent work undertaken by the World Economic Forum's Agenda Council on Ageing Societies to explore a number of arguments, including factors that suggest the productive value of older workforces, as well as a proposed set of 'business principles' for age friendly workplaces.

Further information is available from www.ncpop.ie



Seminar Series 2013-2014

Intimate Partner Violence and Older Women: Recent Findings and Ongoing Challenges

Ms Bridget Penhale, School of Nursing Sciences, University of East Anglia, will deliver a presentation as part of the NCPop seminar series in Autumn 2014. The presentation will consider the position of older women who are subject to abuse and abusive situations: predominantly within domestic settings. Some older women are subject to domestic violence in later life. They may be in a longstanding abusive relationship or in a relationship, which has become abusive in old age. Older women are subject to a range of different forms of abuse such as financial abuse, neglect or exploitation, as well as psychological and emotional abuse, physical and sexual abuse. Further information will be available from www.ncpop.ie

WEAAD 2014

In collaboration with the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) and the Health Service Executive (HSE), NCPop will host their 5th annual WEAAD conference in the Health Sciences Centre at UCD on 12th June 2014. Speakers include Professor Andrew Deeks, UCD; Ms Kathleen Lynch TD, Department of Health and Department of Justice; Ms Emer Boyle, Office of the Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland; Dr. Anne O'Loughlin, HSE; Mr Frank Murphy, HSE; Dr. Attracta Lafferty, NCPop; Professor Simon Biggs, University of Melbourne; Dr. Amanda Phelan, INPEA. Further information can be found at www.ncpop.ie



Recent Publications

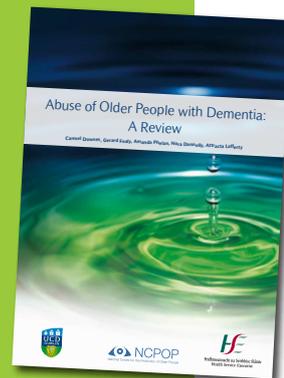
ELDER ABUSE

Abuse of Older People with Dementia: A Review

Carmel Downes, Gerard Fealy, Amanda Phelan, Nora Donnelly, Attracta Lafferty

Launched by NCPop in Summer 2013, 'Abuse of Older People with Dementia: A Review' collated, analysed and summarised the published literature on abuse of community-dwelling older people with dementia. The review highlighted the prevalence and risk factors for abuse and neglect, the characteristics of those who abuse, the indicators of abuse and neglect, and the strategies for preventing and managing cases of abuse of older people with dementia.

The full report is available to download from www.ncpop.ie



Safeguarding Older People from Abuse: Critical Contexts to Policy and Practice

Angie Ash

A recent publication in the field of elder abuse is the book 'Safeguarding Older People from Abuse: Critical Contexts Policy and Practice', written by health and social care research consultant Dr. Angie Ash. This book draws on original UK research, and frames the safeguarding of older people within an international context.



Ongoing Research



The NCPop have been involved in the development of the new Older People's Empowerment Network (OPEN), which is responsible for developing the Keep Control campaign. This campaign is designed by older people for older people. It provides information and tools which support older people to be empowered against financial abuse or exploitation. This empowerment occurs when older people take responsibility for their own protection by keeping control over their affairs and ensuring that their decisions, wishes and intentions for their finances are respected and followed. Further details about the launch of the resource will be available from www.ncpop.ie in Autumn 2014.

For more information about this campaign please contact Dr. Deirdre O'Donnell at deirdre.odonnell@ucd.ie

Please log into the NCPop website, www.ncpop.ie for upcoming NCPop events, access to professional journals, video presentations, elder abuse in the national print and recent publications.

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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 that can assist you.



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