

WELCOME!

Welcome to the 2012 rebirthed ANPEA Newsletter. After a gap of about 4 years it is hoped that this correspondence will re-ignite an interest in the Australian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (ANPEA). We will bring it into prominence as a reliable source of topical information about elder abuse in Australia. Another purpose of the newsletter is to exchange information between interested parties. If we can encourage collaboration between states, territories and agencies interested in the common purpose of preventing or reducing instances of elder abuse we will all be beneficiaries – the extra information embellishing our knowledge and work.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

We invite suggestions and contributions to this newsletter in regard to format, frequency and content to guide our new venture. Please join in with the spirit and send your information to me at mkepert@advocare.org.au for inclusion in our next newsletter in March 2013. A meeting held just prior to the Elder Abuse conference in Brisbane this year resolved to enliven ANPEA which has not been active for a number of years. The proposal was unanimously endorsed by delegates at the Elder Abuse conference. Subsequently a letter was sent to the Honourable Mark Butler MP, Minister for Mental Health and Ageing from the ANPEA Leadership Group. The letter addressed the need for a National Approach to Elder Abuse Prevention and Response.

NEW RESEARCH FROM THE WEST

Here are some interesting items that have come to our notice in Western Australia:

Examination of the Extent of Elder Abuse in Western Australia: A Qualitative and Quantitative Investigation of Existing Agency Policy, Service Responses and Recorded Data
Clare, M, Black Blundell, B., and Clare, J. 2011

A copy of this paper is available here:
http://www.advocare.org.au/uploaded/files/client_added/Examination%20of%20the%20Extent%20of%20Elder%20Abuse%20in%20Western%20Australia.pdf

Elder Abuse in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities: Developing Best Practice Black Blundell, B., Clare, M. 2012

A copy of the paper is available here:
http://www.advocare.org.au/uploaded/files/client_added/Elder%20Abuse%20in%20Culturally%20and%20Linguistically%20Diverse%20Communities%20-%20Developing%20best%20practice.pdf

Practitioners' views on elder mistreatment research priorities: Recommendations from a research-to-practice consensus conference.
Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect Vol. 23, Issue 2, April 2011 pp115-126

A copy of the paper is available here:
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/08946566.2011.558777>

Elder Mistreatment: An International

Narrative Podnieks E, Penhale B, Goergen T, Biggs S, Han D. Ryerson University, Ontario, Canada. A copy of the paper is available here: Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect, Vol 22, Issue 1-2, 2010, pp 131-163

A copy of the paper is available here
www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20390829

Office of Multicultural Interests (WA)
Ageing in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities. An analysis of trends and major issues in Western Australia, September 2012.

A copy of the paper is available here
[http://www.omi.wa.gov.au/resources/publications/localgovernment/Ageing_Report\(NR2\).pdf](http://www.omi.wa.gov.au/resources/publications/localgovernment/Ageing_Report(NR2).pdf)

PUBLICATIONS

A report by the Office of the Public Advocate and the University of South Australia Human Rights and Security Division ***“Closing the Gaps: Enhancing South Australia’s Response to the Abuse of Vulnerable Older People.”*** It relates to the paper, ***“Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults in South Australia: A Whole-of-Government policy for the protection of older persons from abuse”***

To view the above report, please click on the following link:
<http://www.sa.gov.au/upload/franchise/Seniors/Office%20for%20the%20Ageing%20-%20Publications/Publications/Protection%20of%20Vulnerable%20Adults%20%E2%80%93%20Closing%20the%20Gaps.pdf>

Aged Care Rights Service Inc. Publication

Legal Issues for Older People – This paper may be obtained from publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au and they will be able to advise if they are available in electronic form. Alternatively, you can call Legal Aid publications on 9219 5028.

“Protecting the Victims of Domestic

Violence” (WA Labor Policy Statement)

This paper acknowledges the seriousness of the crime of domestic violence which has increased in prevalence in WA in recent years. Despite WA Labor publishing a discussion paper in November 2011 titled ***“Behind Closed Doors: Elder Abuse in Western Australia”***, elder abuse does not receive a mention in the current policy statement.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.markmcgowan.com.au/policies-and-discussion-papers/behind-closed-doors-elder-abuse-in-wa-60>

Elder abuse prevention and response guidelines for action 2012-14 Department of Health, Victoria.

These Guidelines are available on the Department of Health website:

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/agedcare/policy/elder_abuse.ht

Assets for Care: A Guide For Lawyers to Assist Older clients At Risk of Financial Abuse (Seniors Rights Victoria)

“Lawyers have a special role in the prevention of financial abuse of older people. Older people can be assisted in protecting themselves against current and future abuse and lawyers can also be alert to the potentially abusive nature of transactions about which younger people may seek legal advice. This is a practical guide for lawyers on what to do and what resources are available to assist older clients.”

For further information:

PDF and web versions of this guide can be accessed at www.seniorsrights.org.au The Seniors Rights Victoria website.

Protecting Assets of Seniors (DPS News)

“To help protect against financial abuse and promote good practice, a team of University of Queensland (UQ) researchers has developed a program of research focusing on the management of financial resources of older people”

For further information, click here:

http://www.agedcareguide.com.au/news.asp?newsid=7709&utm_source=dpsnews

MEDIA

“Our most appalling crime” (Alice Claridge)

This article heralded the launch of an elder abuse helpline in Tasmania. The helpline will provide advice, referral services and statistics as part of the State Government’s elder abuse prevention strategy.

Further information is available at:

http://www.themercury.com.au/article/2012/09/16/361831_print.html

University of California gets \$1 million to combat elder abuse (see link below)

Further information is available here:

<http://myuci.net/news/campus/edu/uci-gets-1-million-to-combat-elder-abuse-20121013>

CONFERENCES

Aged Rights Advocacy Service National Elder Abuse Conference, “**Building a National Approach to Prevent Abuse of Older Australians**” Adelaide 17 and 18 June 2013, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide. email aras@agedrights.asn.au

Elder Abuse Conference, Perth September 2014

PHOTO GALLERY

Send us inspirational photos of your events or otherwise uplifting observations of older people and appropriate events.

CONTACTS

Below are some useful contacts in the area of elder abuse in Australia. If there are other services you would like included, please send them to mkepert@advocare.org.au

- Advocare (WA) Phone 08 9479 7566; Website www.advocare.org.au
- Older People's Rights Service (OPRS) (WA) Phone 08 9440 1663; Website <http://www.nsclegal.org.au>
- Greg Mahney International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) Representative Phone 08 9479 7566; email gregm@advocare.org.au; website www.advocare.org.au or www.inpea.net
- Advocacy Tasmania Phone 03 6224 2240; Website www.advocacytasmania.com.au
- Aged Rights Advocacy Service (SA) Phone 08 8232 5377; Website www.sa.agedrights.asn.au
- Elder Abuse Prevention Unit (Queensland) Phone 07 3867 2525; Website www.eapu.com.au
- Seniors Rights Victoria Phone 1300 368 821; Website www.seniorsrights.org.au
- Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS), Adelaide Phone 08 8232 5377; website www.sa.agedrights.asn.au

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