

# Elder Abuse Prevention Unit Year in Review 2017-18 Key Findings

The Elder Abuse Prevention Unit received 1,946 abuse notifications in 2017-18, an increase of 17.8%. Abuse in close and intimate relationships accounted for 1,733 notifications and 213 involved abuse in consumer and social relationships.

## Abuse in Close & Intimate Relationships

The most common abuse types were financial (68.7%) and psychological (54.9%).

## Victims

There were more than twice as many female victims than males. The most common age group for victims was 80-84 years and 27.9% of victims had cognitive impairments.



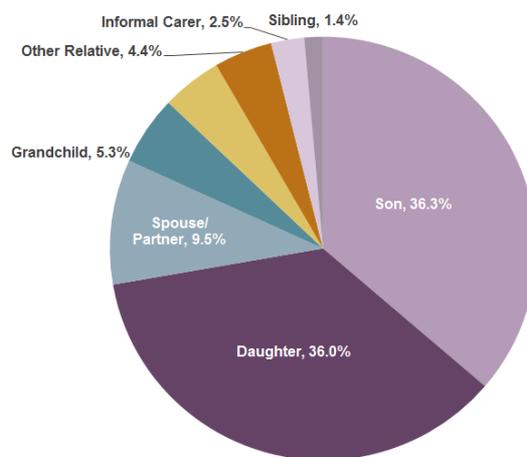
## Perpetrators

The gender of perpetrators was fairly evenly split between males and females. The most common age group for perpetrators was 50-54 years.



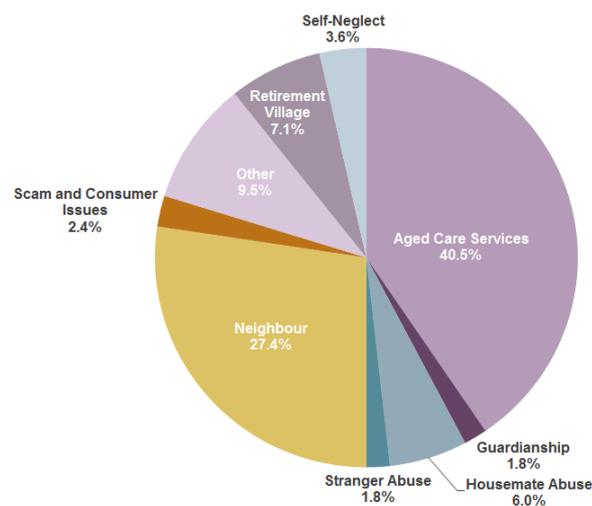
## Relationships

72.3% of perpetrators were sons or daughters. In 45.1% of cases, the perpetrator lived with the victim. In 20.8% of cases, the victim was dependent on the perpetrator.



## Abuse in Consumer & Social Relationships

The EAPU received only 213 allegations of abuse in consumer and social relationships. The abuse situation was recorded in 178 cases and the most common was abuse involving aged care services (68 cases).



It was found that the primary abuse types in cases of abuse involving aged care services differed to that of cases of abuse in close and intimate relationships (see page 94).