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

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) 2012

To mark World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), which takes place each year on 15th June, the National Centre for the Protection of Older People (NCPOP), the HSE and the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) hosted its annual national conference on 14th June 2012.

The day commenced with the signing of the INPEA Proclamation against elder abuse by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Andrew Montague (seated front right), and the Mayor of County Cork, Councillor Terry Shannon (seated front left). Deputy Commissioner of An Garda Síochána, Mr. Nacice Rice and Dr. Martin McNamara, Dean and Head of UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems also signed the declaration against elder abuse.



Dr. Hugh Brady, President of UCD welcomed delegates to the event and Mr Niall Crowley, Independent Equality and Diversity Expert, delivered the opening address. The keynote address by Professor Jill Manthorpe, King's College London, focussed on 'Interventions to support older people who experience abuse'. Mr Des Hogan, Acting Chief Executive, Irish Rights Commission delivered the conference response. Members of the HSE and NCPPOP also gave presentations. Video recordings and PowerPoint presentations from the day are now available to download from www.ncpop.ie

Launch of NCPPOP Research Reports

A NCPPOP report entitled '**Older People's Experiences of Mistreatment and Abuse**' was recently launched on 14th of June 2012 at the 'World Elder Abuse Awareness Day National Conference' at UCD. This report presented the findings of a study based on in-depth interviews with nine older people who have been victims of abuse. The report on the study provides insights into the range and type of abuse experienced by older people and the impact of the abusive experiences on their physical and psychological health, and on their social circumstances. The report also describes the strategies which older people tended to draw on to overcome their abusive experiences and the source and type of supports experienced by participants.



Both of these reports are available to download from www.ncpop.ie/ncpopresearch. Hard copies of the reports are available on request.

'**Managing Elder Abuse in Ireland: The Senior Case Worker's Experience**' is the title of a report which was launched at a seminar held at UCD on April 26th 2012. The report presents findings from a NCPPOP study which examined the experiences of 18 HSE senior case workers who are responsible for managing cases of elder abuse in Ireland. The report highlights current practices in the management of cases, from initial referral to final case evaluation, the complexity of the cases as well as the challenges and dilemmas faced by the senior case workers in responding to cases of elder abuse.

NCPop Literature Reviews

'A Review of Elder Abuse Screening Tools for Use in the Irish Context'

Elder abuse screening tools have been suggested as a method of assisting practitioners in detecting the risk of elder abuse and may offer the means to highlight potential abuse which can lead to further investigation. Undertaken by Dr. Amanda Phelan and Professor Pearl Treacy, this review discusses the use of the various screening tools, presents the challenges inherent in screening for potential elder abuse and identifies a tool which may be of particular merit for use in Ireland.

'Financial Abuse of Older People: A Review'

This review examined the literature on the nature, prevalence, risk factors and correlates of elder financial abuse, including perpetrator profiles. Led by Professor Gerard Fealy, the review also examined the measures identified for detecting, preventing and managing elder financial abuse.

Both of these reviews are available to download from www.ncpop.ie/ncpopresearch
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Seminar Series 2012

The NCPop Seminar Series continues to have speakers from various disciplines present on different aspects of elder abuse.

A seminar took place on 21st February 2012 which heard Dr. Campbell Killick, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, Northern Ireland, give a presentation entitled **'Identifying and Making Decisions About the Presence of Elder Abuse'**. Dr. Killick's presentation reported on a study of factors that influence professional decisions about abuse. Findings from a systematic review and a survey of 190 social workers, nurses and other professional care managers were used to describe the factors that influence recognition and reporting of elder abuse.

The findings of a NCPop report entitled **'Managing Elder Abuse in Ireland: The Senior Case Worker's Experience'** were presented at a seminar at the UCD Health Sciences Centre on 26th April 2012. Presented by the report's lead author Dr. Deirdre O'Donnell, the report findings provided evidence of the senior case workers' perspectives and experiences in managing cases of elder abuse. The large attendance at the seminar included senior case workers and representatives of a wide range of health and social care professionals.

Video recordings and Power Point presentations from all NCPop seminars are available to download from:

http://www.ncpop.ie/newsandevents_seminars

NCPop Website Updates (www.ncpop.ie)

Please log onto the NCPop website at www.ncpop.ie for upcoming NCPop events, access to professional journals, video presentations, elder abuse in the national print media and recent publications such as those by the HSE, the Law Reform Commission and the Health Information and Quality Authority.



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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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