

Ageing and Disability Commission

5 year data snapshot*

Trends relating to reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of **adults with disability** in NSW



4,355

reports about adults with disability[^], a **110% (two-fold)** increase over five years.

18-24 years

The largest proportion of reports related to people in this age bracket (**19%**).



Most were about **women** (**54%**)



Paid workers have consistently been the main **reporters** about adults with disability (**60%**), followed by adults with disability themselves (**12%**).

35%



of allegations have been about **psychological abuse**, mainly verbal abuse, and making excessive or degrading demands.

26%



of allegations have been about **neglect**, mainly inadequate support, medical neglect, and neglect of clothing and/or food.

18%



of allegations have been about **financial abuse**, mainly financial exploitation, preventing access to the adult's money, and theft.

52%



of reports related to alleged abuse by **relatives**, mainly the adult's parents (**32%**), followed by current or former paid workers (**17%**) and current or former intimate partners (**13%**).

4%

of reports about adults with disability were about people from culturally diverse backgrounds. The main languages spoken at home other than English by adults with disability who were the subject of a report were **Arabic, Vietnamese, Italian, Mandarin, Greek, Samoan, Cantonese, Turkish, Macedonian and Tamil.**



4%

of reports about adults with disability were about Aboriginal people.



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[^]Who were not older people

[^]Where the location of the person was known

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Key outcomes

We have directly assisted adults with disability to:

- Obtain necessary supports, including disability (**226 people**), advocacy (**92**), legal (**74**), and other supports (**104**)
- Receive assistance or further actions from police (**132**)
- Move to safer accommodation (**132**)
- Have increased access to the community (**70**)



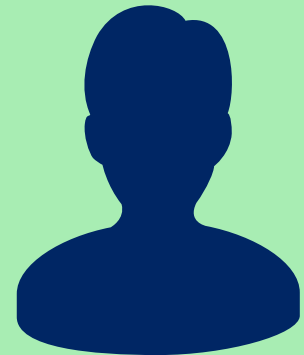
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In relation to the subjects of allegation in reports about adults with disability:

- **496** received education and advice
- **182** were assisted to receive more support
- **46** had an ADVO taken out against them
- **45** had their access to the adult reduced or prevented (**40**)
- **23** were removed as the NDIS nominee
- **23** were charged with criminal offences



The ADC ascertained the will and preference of **751** adults with disability, including through **505** home visits across NSW.



54%

of reports` have been about adults living in regional NSW, with **Hunter, Illawarra Shoalhaven, and Central Coast** the most common areas.

Blacktown, Central Coast, and Canterbury-Bankstown have been the most common Local Government Areas (LGAs) identified in reports about adults with disability.



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