

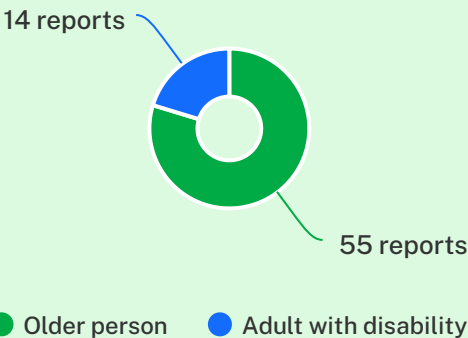
Ageing and Disability Commission Lithgow



The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 69 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from **Lithgow** in 2019-2024*.

80%

of reports received in this LGA related to an older person*



Of reports relating to **adults with disability***

72%

were female



Of reports relating to **older people***

67%

were female



36% of reports about adults with disability were made by a **paid worker**^



27% of reports came from the **child** of the older person

27% of reports came from a **paid worker**

11% of reports came from the **older person** experiencing abuse



0 reports were about an adult who identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander~



3 reports involved an adult who spoke a language other than English at home with Macedonian being the most common reported

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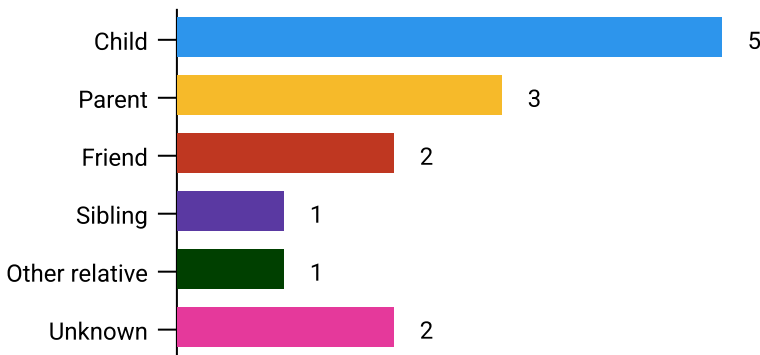
* Information taken from the Ageing and Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

^ Paid workers include people acting in a professional capacity, for example direct care staff, service workers and health providers.

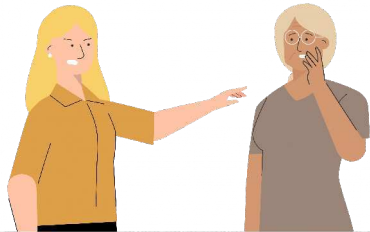
~ People who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are over 18 with disability, or an older person 50+.

The ADC is currently working on improving our data collection to support reporting on gender identity

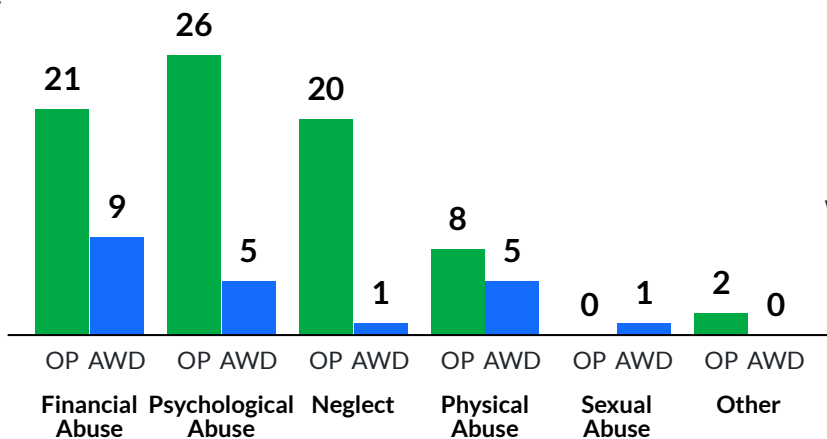
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved the adult's child*** as the subject of allegation



64% of reports about older people involved family members, **mainly adult children** followed by the adult's spouse or partner,* as the subject of allegation



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **older people (OP)** was **verbal abuse, failure to meet support needs and financial exploitation`**



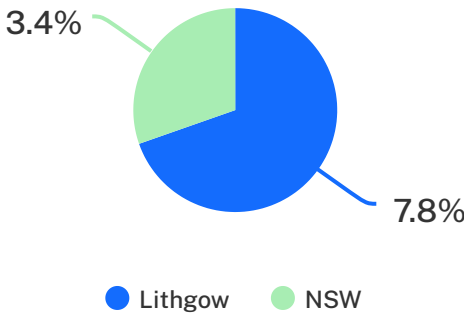
The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **adults with disability (AWD)** was **financial abuse, perceived threat of harm and preventing access to or withholding Person's money`**

What else do we know about the Lithgow community?

25% of the population are over the age of 65₁



7.8% of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



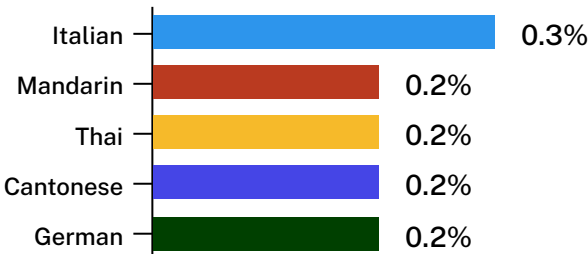
64% of all households are family households
35% are single person households and **3%** are group households₂



7% of households speak a language other than English₂



Italian is the most common language other than English₂



¹ The ADC classifies abuse into 5 broad categories, with a list of signs to indicate the type of alleged abuse reported.
² 2021 Census data by LGA (QuickStats)
² 2021 Census QuickStats, where group household refers to unrelated flatmate or co-tenancy arrangements.