

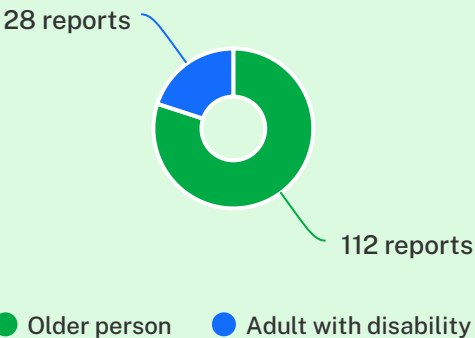
Ageing and Disability Commission Port Stephens



The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 140 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from **Port Stephens** in 2019-2024*.

80%

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



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

68%

were male



Of reports relating to **older people***

69%

were female



68% of reports about adults with disability were made by a **paid worker**^



38% of reports came from **the child of the older person**^

25% of reports about **older people** came from a **paid worker**^

13% of reports came from **another relative**^



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



1 report involved an adult who spoke a language other than English at home



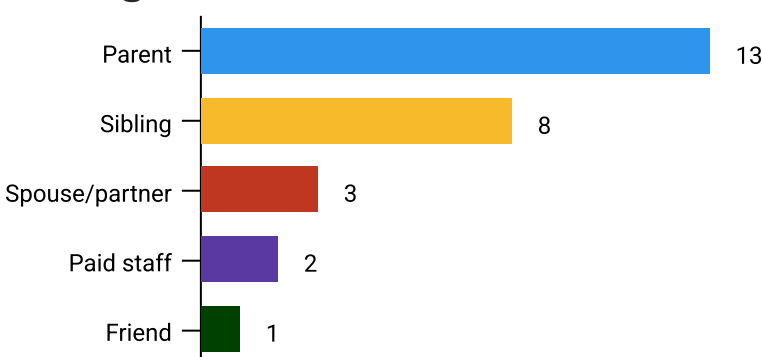
* Information taken from the Ageing and Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

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

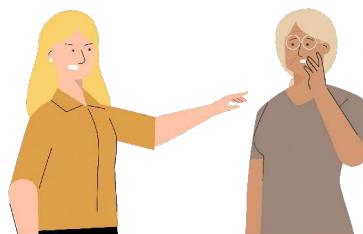
~ People who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are over 18 with disability, or an older person 50+.

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

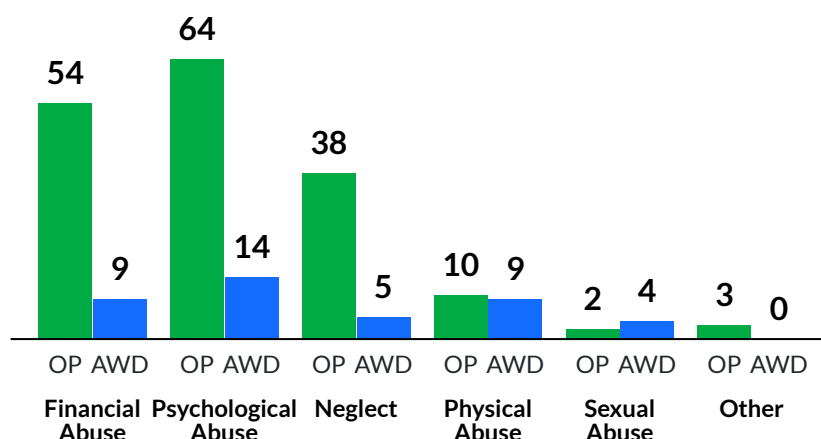
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



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, financial exploitation and preventing or restricting access to family or others**



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **adults with disability (AWD)** was **verbal abuse, hitting, kicking or punching and financial exploitation**

What else do we know about the Port Stephens community?

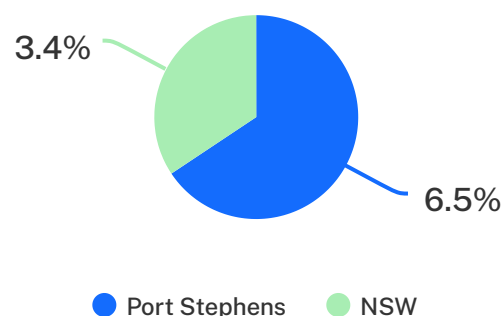
26%

of the population are over the age of 65₁



6.5%

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



72%

of all households are family households
26% are single person households and **3%** are group households₂



6%

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.