

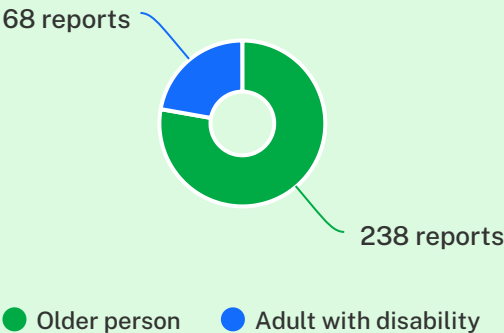
Ageing and Disability Commission Sutherland Shire



The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 306 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from **Sutherland Shire** in 2019-2024*.

78%

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



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

62%

were female



Of reports relating to **older people***

56%

were female



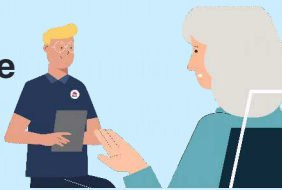
56% of reports about adults with disability were made by a **paid worker**^



30% of reports came from the **child** of the older person

29% of reports about **older people** came from a **paid worker**^

17% of reports came from the **older person** experiencing abuse



1 report was about an adult who identified as **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander**~



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

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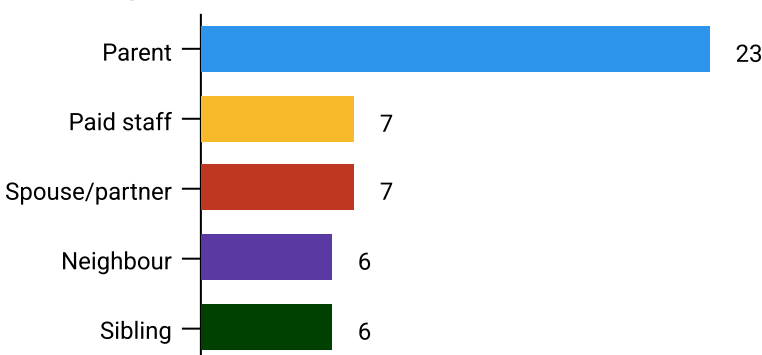
* Information taken from the Ageing and Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

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

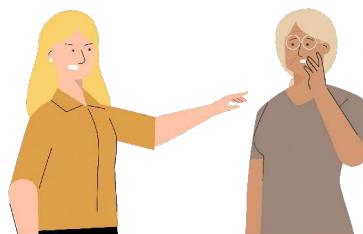
~ People who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are over 18 with disability, or an older person 50+.

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

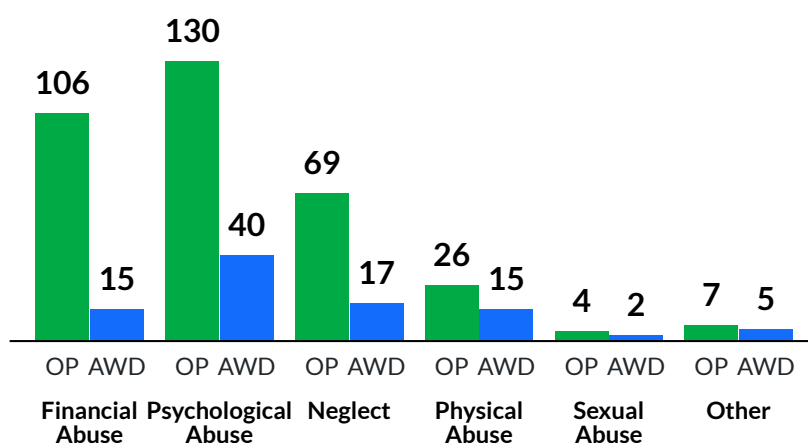
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



55% 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 **financial exploitation, verbal abuse and failure to meet support needs**



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards adults with disability (AWD) was **other psychological abuse, verbal abuse and making excessive or degrading demands**

What else do we know about the Sutherland Shire community?

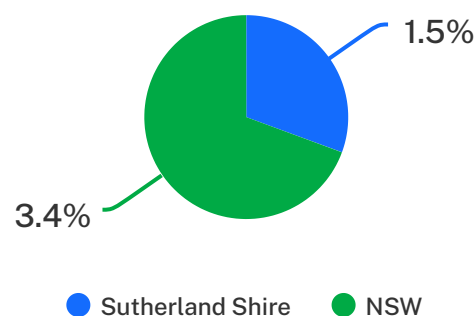
19%

of the population are over the age of 65₁



1.5%

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



76%

of all households are family households
23% are single person households and **3%** are group households₂

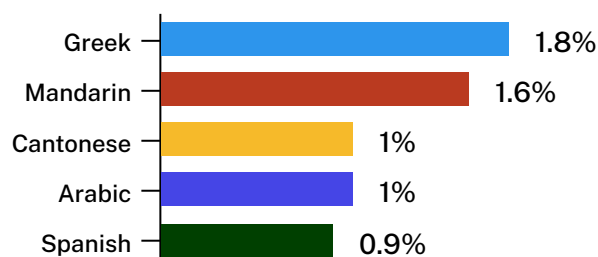


18%

of households speak a language other than English₂



Greek 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.