

Ageing and Disability Commission

The Hills Shire

73*
reports

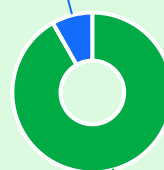


The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 73 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from **The Hills Shire** in 2019-2024*.

92%

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

6 reports



67 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

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

67%

were female



Of reports relating to **older people***

69%

were female



83%

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



28%

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

27%

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

9%

of reports came from the **friend** of the older person



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



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reports involved an adult who spoke a language other than English at home with Afrikaans 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.

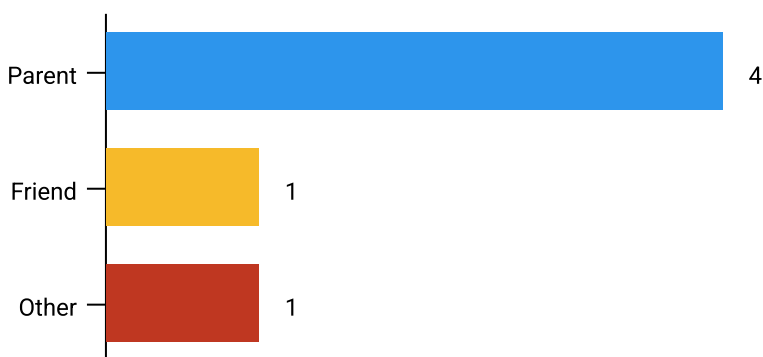
^ Paid workers include people acting in a professional capacity, for example direct care staff, service workers and health providers.

~ 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

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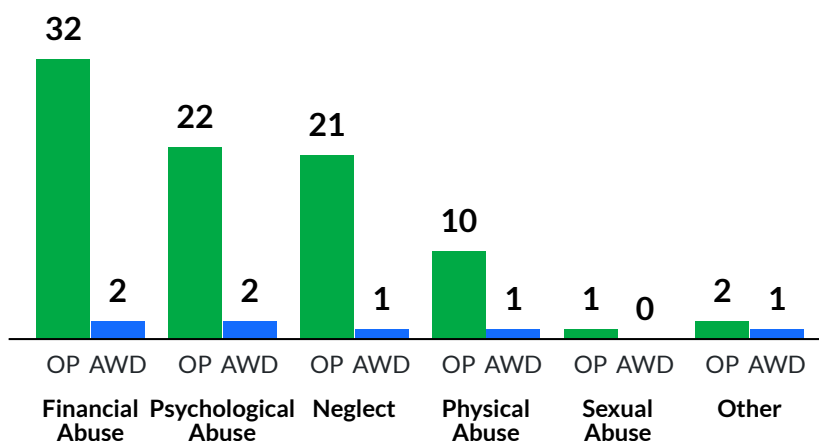
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



60% of reports about older people involved family members, **mainly adult children** followed by paid staff,* as the subject of allegation



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **older people (OP)** was **failure to meet support needs, financial exploitation and misuse of Power of Attorney (POA) and Enduring Power of Attorney (EPOA)**



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **adults with disability (AWD)** was **verbal abuse, failure to meet support needs and not known**

What else do we know about the Hills Shire community?

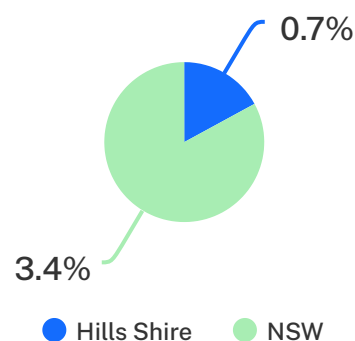
15%

of the population are over the age of 65₁



0.7%

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



87%

of all households are family households
13% are single person households and **2%** are group households₂

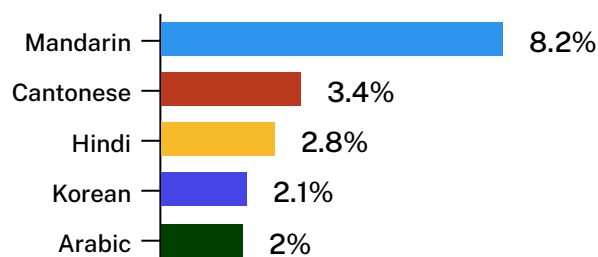


45%

of households speak a language other than English₂



Mandarin 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.