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Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter

UK Study of Abuse and Neglect

The publication of the UK Study of Abuse and Neglect of Older People received widespread media coverage this week.

The report, commissioned by Comic Relief and the Department of Health, was carried out by NatCen and King's College, London.

The national prevalence survey interviewed over 2,000 people throughout the UK. This sample was weighted to be representative of the general UK population aged 66 and over living in private

Key findings

- 227,000 people over 66 were neglected or abused in the past year (based on 2.6% respondents in the survey who said they had been mistreated).
- Alleged perpetrators

were reported as a family member, close friend or care worker.

- If incidents involving neighbours and acquaintances were taken into account, the number of older people experiencing abuse rose from 2.6% to 4%.
- This would equate to 342,400 older people suffering mistreatment.

Types of mistreatment

6% of victims experienced more than 1 type of

abuse.

Prevalence rates are as follows:

- Neglect—11 people in 1000
- Financial—7 in 1000
- Psychological—4 in 1000
- Physical—4 in 1000
- Sexual—2 in 1000



Pictures courtesy AEA



What does this mean for Bradford?

If the results of the study are applied to Bradford, this would mean that:

- 2,732 people aged 66 and over are experiencing abuse in their own homes.....
- Equivalent to 4% of the population for older people
- Of those 2,732, 1776 are being abused by family, friends or care workers
- The Adult Protection Unit has received 322 referrals concerning older people so far this year.....
- Of these, around 135 concerned potential abuse by family or friends in their own

For a copy of the full report, and other documentation, contact the APU.

Pressure Ulcer Policy wins award

As you may remember from the April meeting, Jackie informed us that the Pressure Ulcer policy, written by herself, in collaboration with the Tissue Viability Nurses from the hospital and the PCT, had been entered into the Wounds UK Awards 2007.

Wounds UK is a national journal on such issues. The awards recognise outstanding achievements in wound care management.

Jackie and her team have won either "Highly Commended" or "Overall Winner" in the Pressure Care category.

Winners will be announced at the award ceremony to take place Friday 8th June at the Hippodrome in Leicester Square, London.

Stop press!!

Jackie and the team won "Highly Commended" on the night. Congratulations to all!

The policy has also been re-named "Bradford protocol for determining neglect".

Wounds UK



Parkfields House, Somerset

Police in Somerset have exhumed a second body as part of their investigation into seven suspicious deaths at Parkfields Care Home in Burtleigh, Somerset.

The body of Mary Pickford, another resident who died in 2006, was exhumed last week. Police are unable to examine the remains of the three other residents as they were cremated.

Rachel Baker (Home Manager) and her husband, Leigh Baker, (Home Chef) were both arrested in January 2007 on suspicion of administering noxious substance. Both were bailed without charge until September.

DS Simpson said: "We

are not talking about poisonings in the traditional sense. The investigation began in January when we conducted the post-mortem of another resident, Lucy Cox. As a result, we have become suspicious about the other deaths".

The police investigation began after an unannounced CSCI inspection in January 2007.

An emergency closure notice was requested by CSCI after it was found that the "standards had deteriorated significantly since the previous inspection in June 2006".

In an interview with the BBC Points West programme, Imelda Richardson, CSCI

Inspector said:

"There were no care plans and inadequate levels of staffing. There was only a cook on duty 3 days per week and no food was available after 5pm".

She went on to say that she had been involved in serious investigations of abuse before, but "never an event like this".

She also added that "the majority of care homes are well run and well managed".



Mary Pickford

Minister wants human rights for care residents

Care Services Minister, Ivan Lewis, has told the Parliamentary Joint Committee that there "clear gaps in protection for people in private providers and self-funders."

The government's official stance is that only public-funded care home residents should be covered by the Act.

Lewis stated that the law as stands was "not acceptable" and it was not the government's intention to leave people out of the human rights system. He

added that human rights were a core element of the government's approach to social care.

Care homes get £67m boost

Meanwhile it has been announced that 7,000 care homes for the elderly are to receive funding as part of the Dignity Campaign. The money will be used for refurbishments such as replacing flooring, upgrading bedrooms and bathrooms, improving outdoor areas and enabling residents to have access

to email and the internet.

Help the Aged Senior Policy Advisor, Annie Stevenson, said:

"This shows that the government recognises that dignity in care homes is crucial to maintaining health and well-being. However, improving the physical environment is only one piece of the jigsaw. Investment in the sector workforce is vital to improve morale and meet future needs".



MCA Update — June 2007



Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice

The MCA Code of Practice was issued in April. It provides guidance on how the Act will work on a day-to-day basis for those who work with for people who may lack capacity.

The Code is statutory guidance and it must be consulted when anyone is acting on behalf of an individual who lacks capacity.

The Code of Practice is

available to download from www.opsi.gov.uk/acts or email Sue at the APU: susan.kendrick@bradford.gov.uk

Lasting Power of Attorneys (LPA)

LPA will be available from October this year, and will allow service users to choose someone to manage their affairs on their behalf. Two types will be available: **property LPA**

and **personal welfare LPA**. For more information visit: www.guardianship.gov.uk

Regional Lead for MCA

The lead for support (training, awareness building etc) in our region is

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Inquiry into healthcare access for people with learning disabilities

The DoH have announced an inquiry into healthcare



access for people with Learning Disabilities.

The inquiry will help identify action needed to ensure those with learning disabilities receive appropriate treatment in general

acute health care and with reference to wide services. It will also look at current national and international research on the issue and will take into account findings from the Disability Rights Commission's investigation into healthcare provision for people with learning disabilities and mental health problems.

The inquiry will include a

stakeholder consultation. Patricia Charlesworth, who has a learning disability, and is a member of the Advisory Group for Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities charity said "People with learning disabilities are not even receiving regular checks for breast, cervical or testicular cancers... leading to people dying early".

Alzheimer's set to quadruple by 2050

Delegates at the International Conference on Prevention of Dementia have been told that by 2050, more than 100 million will have the disease—(currently it is around 26.6 million). More than 40% of these cases will be advanced stage, requiring a high level of care.

William Thies, US Alzheimer's Association said

"The number of people affected is growing at an alarming rate. The increasing financial and personal costs will have a devastating effect on the world's economies, healthcare and families".

For more UK facts on dementia visit: www.alzheimers.org.uk

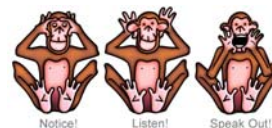
- 700,000 people have the disease in the UK
- Two thirds are women
- 11,500 are from black and ethnic minority groups
- A third of sufferers live in a care home
- The financial cost to the UK is over £17billion annually.



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Conferences & Events

Abuse—The Silent epidemic?

One day conference looking at the issues following on from Cornwall, Sutton & Merton. Will look at the role of the Health-care Commission, physical interventions in care provision, service user perspective and the Mental Capacity Act.

- Cost—£50
- Organisers—Tripod.
- 25.09.07, Castle Park Conference Centre, Doncaster
- Contact: Liz Utting—01302 860319, email: Lizt@btinternet.com

From the cradle to the grave

A 2-day conference bringing together the fields of Child Protection, Domestic Violence, Adult Protection and Elder Abuse. This conference looks at the reaction to violence and abuse and how to break down the artificial barriers between agencies.

- Cost—To be advised
- Organisers—Elder Abuse
- 25 + 26.09.07, Tullyglass Hotel, Ballymena
- Contact: Natalie Fernandez, 0208 765 7000. Email: natalie.@elderabuse.org.uk

The realities of elder abuse: research into practice

1-day conference looking at the findings of the *UK Study of Abuse and Neglect of Older People* and how professional processes can be used to wipe out elder abuse.

- Cost—£349 (NHS/Public sector) or £249 (Vol. Charities, Not for Profit).
- Organisers—Community Care/AEA
- Thursday 12 July 2007, Central London. Venue details will be sent with booking confirmation.
- Contact: www.conferencesandtraining.com/elderabuse