



TRI-REGION ELDER ABUSE

Coordinated Community Response

2022 Report

Elder Abuse Cases by Location

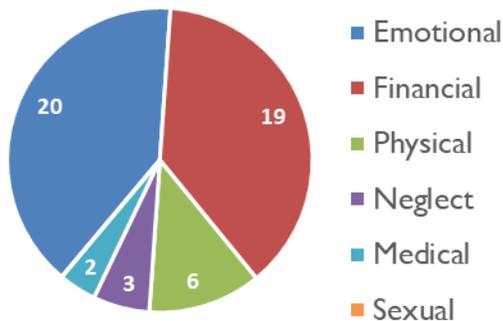


36

cases of elder abuse (down from 55 in 2021)

22 men and 14 women

Elder Abuse Cases by Type



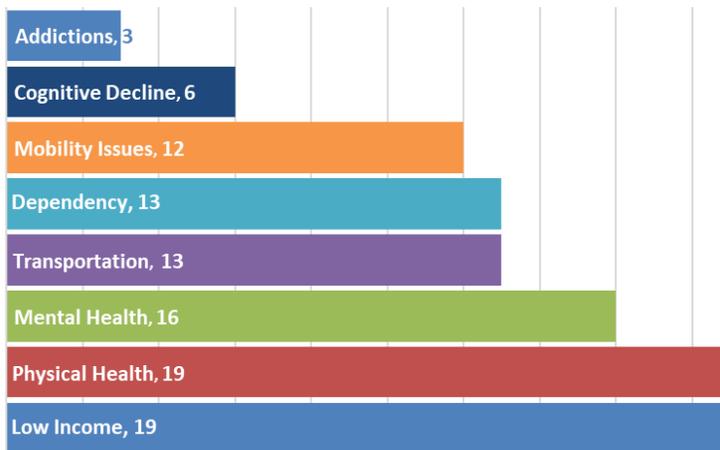
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incidents of elder abuse identified within the above

42

network consultations

Vulnerabilities Identified for those affected by Elder Abuse



Participant Comments:

"I now feel I can reach out to places I did not even know about; this makes me feel safe."

"I am so happy that I found this program. I felt so lost and thought nobody cared. Thank you."

"I did not know there were options for me and I have felt stuck."

"I was starting to think I deserve the physical and emotional abuse. Thank you for caring."



FINANCIAL:
Misuse of funds or property through fraud, trickery, theft, or force.



EMOTIONAL:
Actions or statements that threaten or intimidate.



PHYSICAL:
Actions that cause physical discomfort, pain, or injury.



SEXUAL:
Unwanted sexual behaviour including sexual comments, fondling, or sexual assault.



NEGLECT:
Intentional or unintentional failure to provide for the basic needs.



MEDICINAL:
Misuse of medicine (withholding, overdosing, sedating, or stealing).

The following is a story of how TREA assisted an older adult in our community in the last year.

An eighty-year-old resident of our community had been experiencing abuse for a long time. The abuse came in the form of physical and emotional abuse from their spouse.

The TREA Coordinator pulled together four TREA members to work collaboratively to assist the older adult to gain the financial security needed to consider leaving the situation. The older adult was supported with possible senior housing options and together they created a safety plan that the older adult was comfortable with.

This process was slow but provided the older adult with confidence and independence. Gradually, the client was starting to embrace the idea of a new life, free from violence and emotional abuse. Change is difficult and just prior to implementing the move to independence, the older adult decided that they did not want to proceed.

Oftentimes, elder abuse victims require much time and consideration prior to making any life-changing decisions. In the end, the older adult is the only one who can determine their needs and TREA respects older adults' right to determine their own solution to their situation.

Even though this outcome was not as anticipated, the older adult is in a better place after having worked with the TREA team. They have more information, they have been empowered, and they know that multiple supports are available if and when they ever want to take action.

"I am very grateful for all that you have done, I just can't move forward right now."

Response Plan

Does the older adult wish to take action?

NO

Provide older adult with information and support

YES

Refer older adult to community supports

100% of TREA members feel that they are better able to serve older adults in our community as a result of the TREA Collaboration.

A collaborative effort of stakeholders across the Tri-Region to address elder abuse through awareness, education, and wrap-around supports.

2022 MEMBERS

Alberta Health Services,
Home Living
Alberta Health Services,
WestView Health Centre
Brunet Skibin Law
City of Spruce Grove
Devon FCSS
Lac Ste. Anne County FCSS
Life Times Psychological Services
Meridian Housing Foundation
Mint Health + Drugs
MLA Office for Searle Turton
Neighbourlink Parkland
Parkland County FCSS
Parkland County Libraries
Parkland Pastors Group
Parkland RCMP
Safe Horizon
Servus Credit Union
Spruce Grove Public Library
Stony Plain Public Library
Town of Stony Plain
Victim Services Stony Plain,
Spruce Grove and District
WestView PCN
Yellowhead FCSS

