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Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Round 2 Relationships Australia NSW

Up to 10% of older people are affected by elder abuse, excluding neglect which increases this estimate to 20%.¹

Let's Talk

Let's Talk: mitigating the risk and responding early to elder abuse (Let's Talk) addresses the need and gap in service provision for older people experiencing domestic and family violence.

As part of the Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Relationships Australia will develop and deliver *Let's Talk* to assist families with conflict resolution where elderly people are involved. The three year project will develop alternative dispute resolution methods such as mediation and counselling through face-to-face, outreach and digital services.

What is the project?

By providing an alternative approach to responding to violence that is focused on family therapy *Let's Talk* will help improve family function and communication and decrease abusive behaviours towards older people. This project will integrate with the broader domestic and family violence service system and help older people experiencing family violence by providing a pathway for early intervention before violence escalates.

Let's Talk will support the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021 by intervening early and preventing domestic and family violence in communities across NSW.

Further information

For further information regarding *Let's Talk*, please contact Women NSW at DFVInnovation@facs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9248 0800.

¹ Kaspiew R, Carson R and Rhodes H, 'Elder Abuse: Understanding issues, frameworks and responses' (Australian Institute of Family Studies, 2016).