



AGE
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TARANAKI

He Manaakitanga
Kaumātua Aotearoa

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OUR VISION

Taranaki Older People will live valued and meaningful lives in an inclusive society.



OUR VALUES

underpin everything we do



Dignity

We respect the dignity and uniqueness of every person



Well-being

We ensure that older people are given the opportunities to achieve physical comfort, engage in satisfying activities and personal development, and feel valued and supported.



Equity

We direct resources to help those disadvantaged or in greatest need so that older people have an equal opportunity to achieve wellbeing.

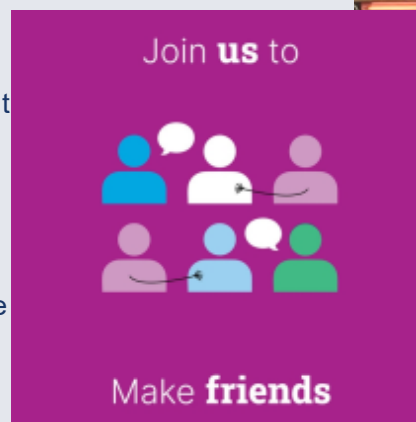


Respect

We respect the values and social structures of Māori and people of other cultural and ethnic backgrounds, demonstrating respect by working together to gain mutual understanding.

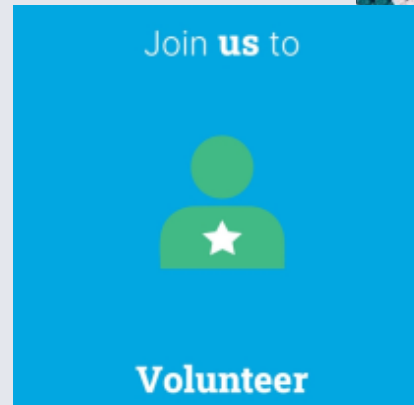
AGE CONNECT

- Connection between people is an essential ingredient to healthy, happy, living. Loneliness affects our happiness and ability to be and feel fulfilled.
- Age Concern Taranaki run programmes to support connection.
- Warm up Wednesday- Singing, soup and toast; ice-cream in the summer.
- Drop in Cafe- Thursdays from 9.30a.m. - 11.30
- Guest Speakers educational and entertaining: fire service, arthritis, hearing ...
- Monthly outing - Lunch at a variety of venues- September bus trip to Pioneer Village.
- Theme days - A.N.Z.A.C, Matariki, Pink Ribbon, Mother's Day , Daffodil Day, Olympics



VISITING SERVICE

- A befriending service that provides regular visits to older people who would like more company; to reduce social isolation and loneliness.
- Our visitors are volunteers who are keen to spend time with an older person for about an hour each week to enjoy conversation and shared interests and activities. We have men and women from a wide variety of backgrounds and ages.



HEALTH PROMOTION

- Steady As You Go - Strength and Balance Exercise
- Ronnie Gardner - RGM programme
- Aqua Aerobics Fitness
 - Bell Block pools Tuesdays 10am
 - Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre Thursdays 1.30pm
- Safer Driving Workshops
- Mindfulness 8 week series workshop
- Housing options for seniors
- Down But Not Out - depression or the blues?
- Men's Wellness
- Hearing health

Join **us** to

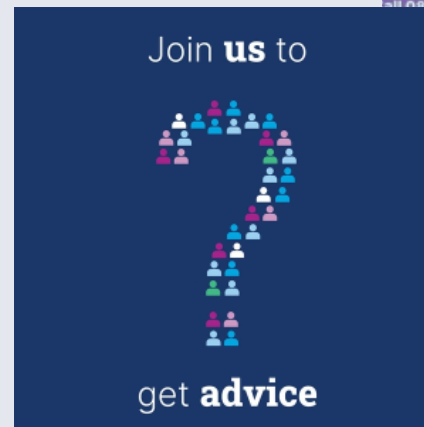


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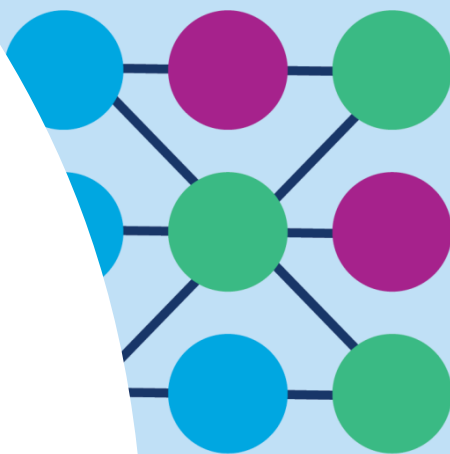
ELDER ABUSE

- Age Concern Taranaki provides a free and confidential Elder Abuse Response Service (EARS) for the whole Taranaki region.
- Our professional Elder Abuse staff work with older people / kaumātua and their carers providing support and advocacy so that older people can be happy, healthy and safe from harm.



Elder Abuse Response Taranaki

*Presented by
Elder Abuse
Response Team*

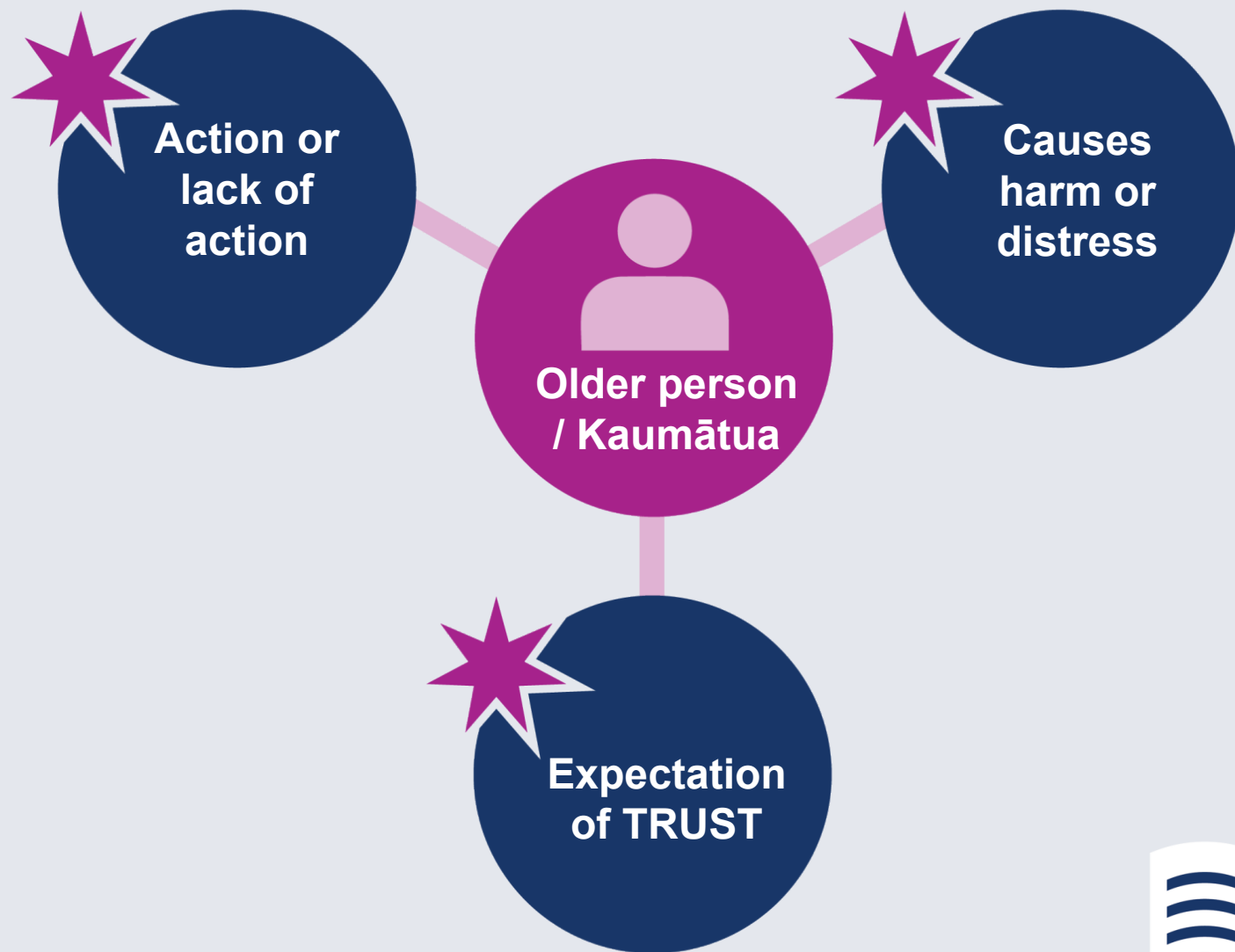


Elder Abuse Definition

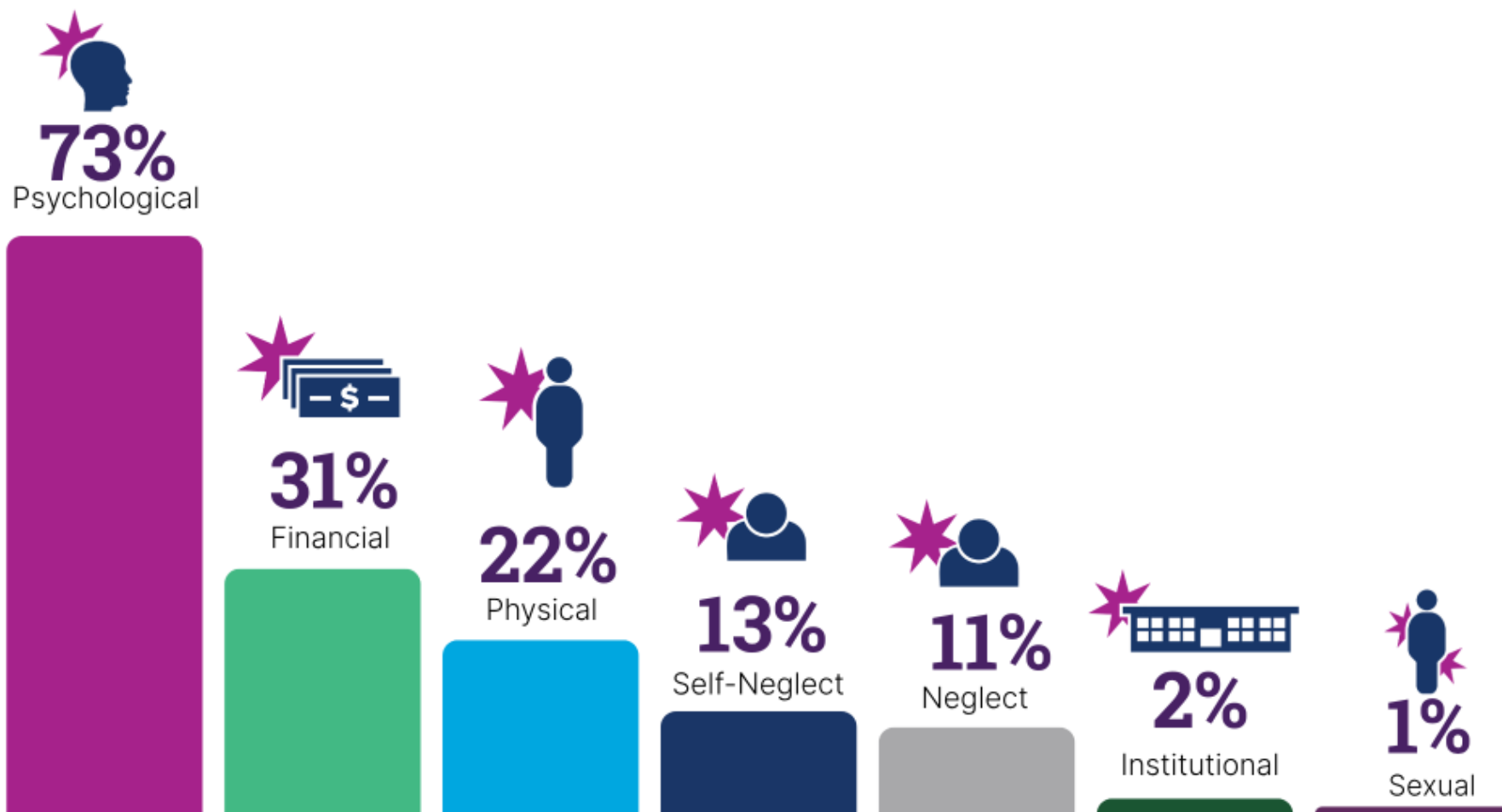
Elder abuse is a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person.

2002 Toronto Declaration on the Global Prevention of Elder Abuse



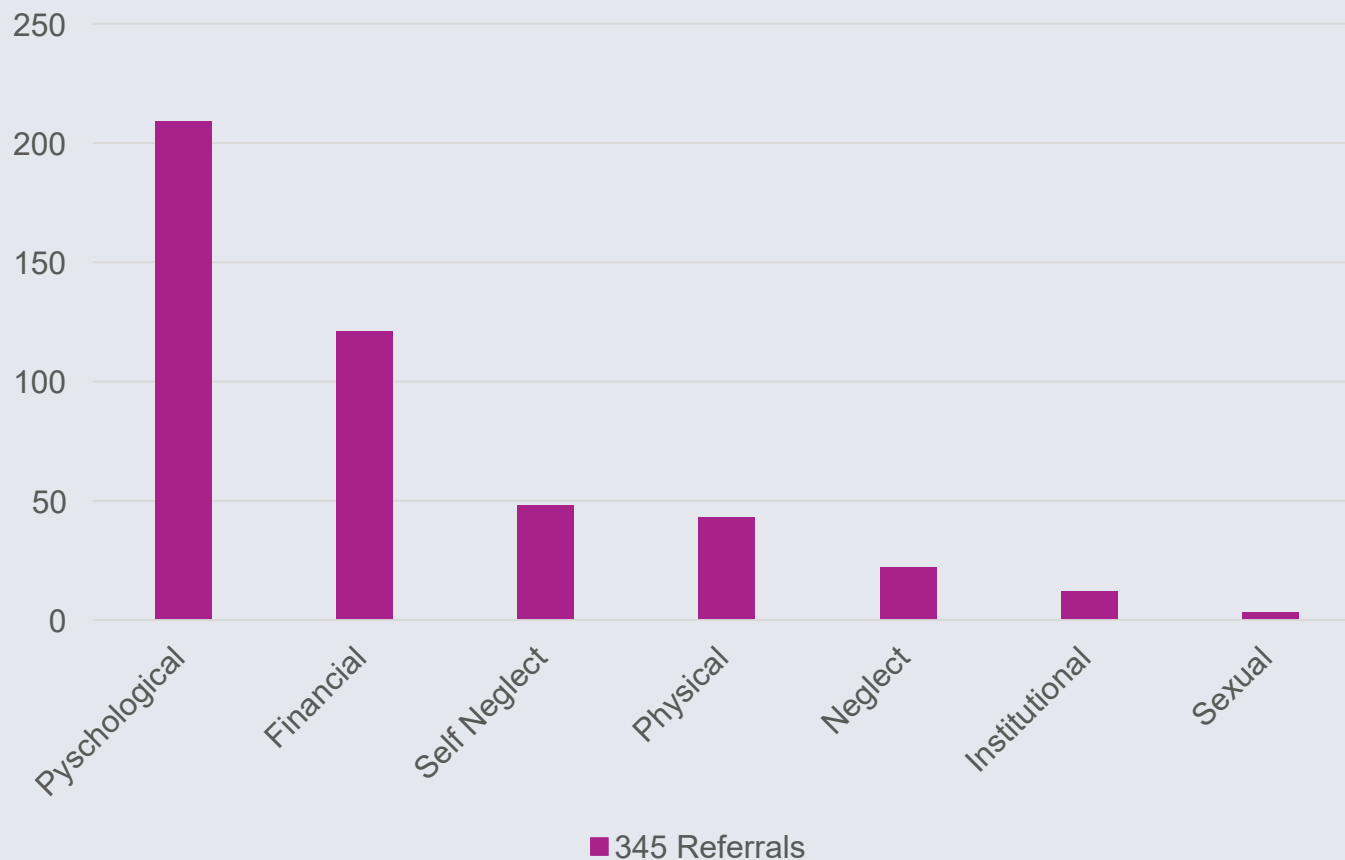


TYPES OF ELDER ABUSE

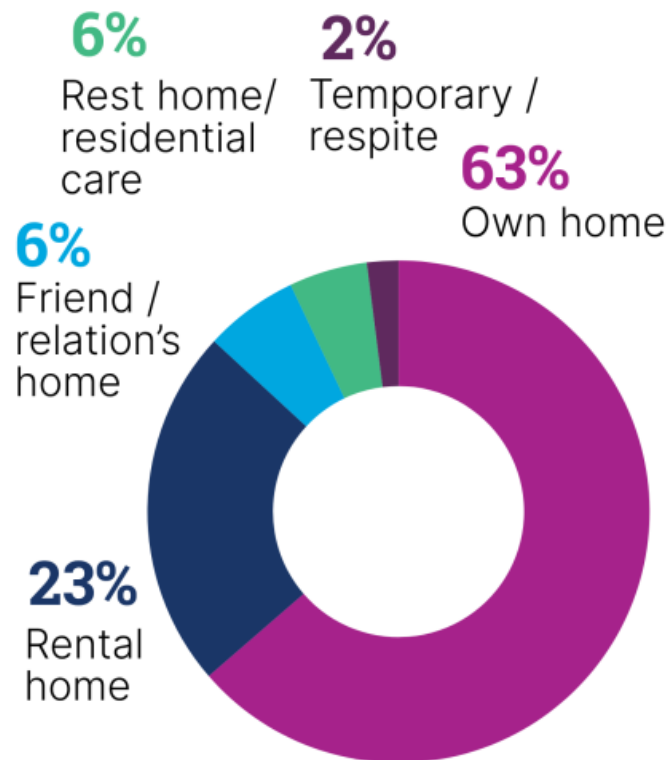


Local Stats 2025- 2026

345 Referrals



WHERE DOES ELDER ABUSE HAPPEN



DATA GATHERED JULY 2024 - JULY 2025



HOW LONG HAS THE ABUSE BEEN GOING ON FOR?



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Why does elder abuse happen?





Myths

“Isn't it terrible what happens in rest homes”

“That would never happen in my family”

“He must have been an awful Dad to his young kids”

“Why would he hit that sweet old lady?”

“That’s criminal, why don’t the police stop it”



WHO CAUSES HARM?

IS IT SOMEONE
THEY KNOW?

84% Family
members



16% Other members of
the community



41%

Adult child or
their partner



16%

Partner



15%

Friend or
neighbour



9%

Grandchild



10%

Other relatives



1%

Healthcare or
support worker

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What to look out for?

- Psychological: threats and intimidation causing fear-Carer hovering (not allowing privacy), isolation
- Financial: depletion of savings, unpaid bills, unable to get scripts etc. management of finances
- Neglect: not meeting the basic needs of an older person, passive vs. active neglect
- Self-Neglect: fiercely guarding privacy, hoarding & Squalor, refusal of support
- Institutional: bed sores, not respecting culture/beliefs, rigid routines



Enduring Power of Attorney



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Responsibilities of attorneys and guardians include:

- acting in the best interest of the older person (not own interests)
- Involving older person in decision as much as possible
- Having fiduciary (special relationship of trust) responsibility for older persons affairs



Wills

Adults can change their Will at any time that they understood to have capacity.

Important to know that there are different requirements for

- Executors of Wills as that role **starts** when an older person dies
- whereas Enduring Power of Attorney or Guardianship **stops** when the older person dies.



What else contributes?



Scams

Scams involve trying to entice, threaten or scare a person to give personal information or money.

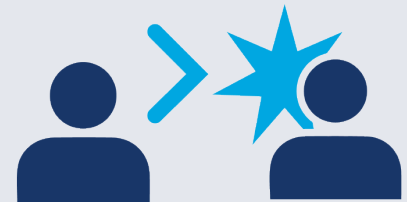
Scams initiate contact by pretending to be 'known' to us such as a familiar bank or a business, or to name a relative



Family Violence

Descriptions of elder abuse and of family violence have some similarities, but also differences in:

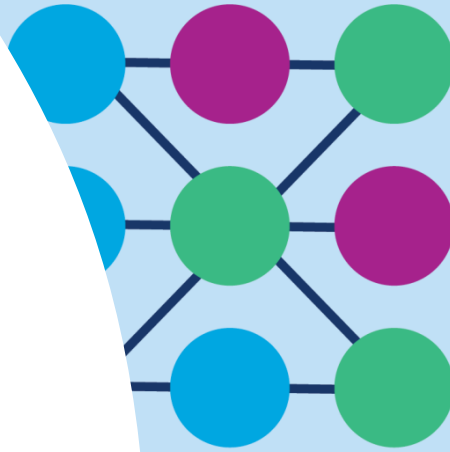
- Gender based violence
- Intergenerational violence
- Physical violence
- Intimate partner violence



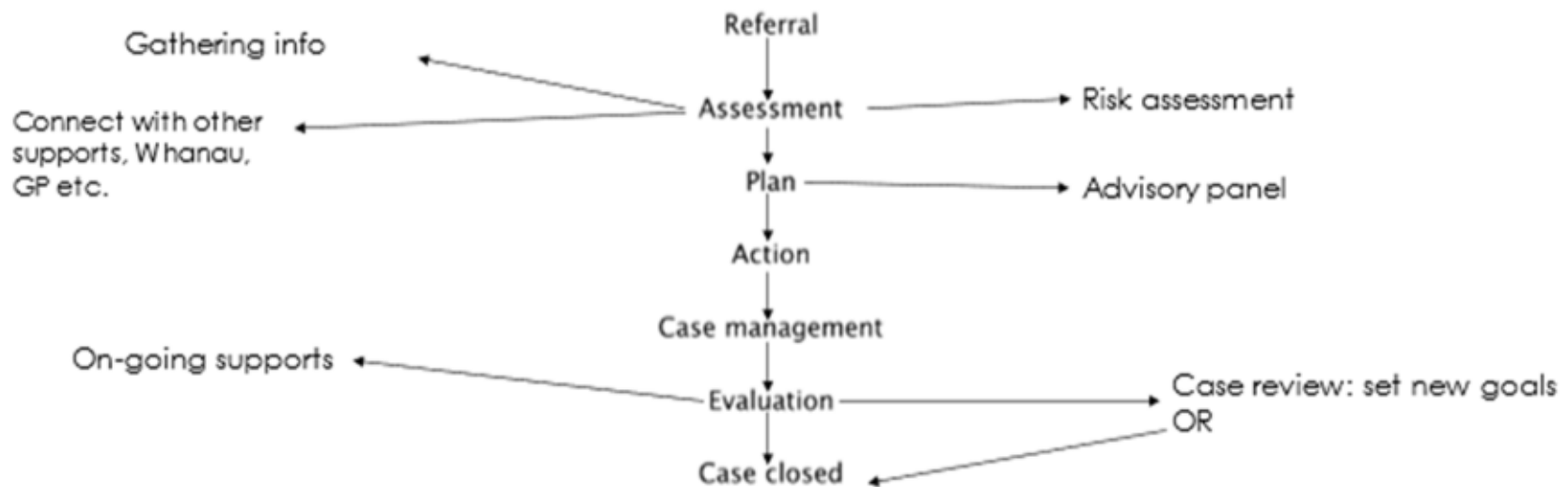
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day



Who are we?



What happens to my referral?



Elder Abuse Response Taranaki

*Thanks for
Listening*

