

Introduction to Research

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Literature Review Focus

This research will be focusing on the prevalence of abuse in adult care health care settings . The rationale of choosing this topic is because various researchers have researched on this topic, however it seems there are various incidences, in which adult social care have failed those individuals who depend on healthcare professionals to assist them in their activities of daily living.

Research Question: Is abuse prevalent in adult care settings after the Care Act of 2014?

Aim: To explore what causes abuse in adult care setting

Objectives: To investigate the prevalence of abuse in adult care settings
Is abuse still prevalent in adult care settings

Methods

A secondary research was carried out to obtain more knowledge as regards abuse in adult care settings, over 20 research articles were selected, and a systematic review was undertaken to give a better understand as regards the topic

The keywords used to obtain the relevant research articles were ‘abuse in care settings’, ‘maltreatment in care’, ‘safeguarding and adult care’, ‘abuse and adult care’

ProQuest, EbScott, Journal of Adult protection, Springer Link, PLOS One, Journal of Applied Research in intellectual disabilities were the search engines and research articles in obtain the research articles

Inclusion were abuse in care of the elderly, adult abuse and safeguarding, abuse in care of adults with intellectual disabilities, research articles from 2015 to date taking into consideration that the Care Act was established in 2014, research articles that are related to the United Kingdom.

Exclusion criteria were abuse of the adult care in hospitals, abuse in adolescents and children, research papers before 2014

Literature Review

Author and title	Research Questions or Research Objectives	Methods and Sample	Evaluation of the Article
Aspinate, F., (2019), 'Safeguarding and personal budgets, the experience of adult at risk	To find out if there were any safeguarding issues among the research participants	Semi-structure interviews with 12 participants	Each of the participants had a safeguarding investigation, they had experienced poor care, abuse and neglect in the last 12 months before the research
Carr, S., et al (2019) 'Keeping control' a user led exploratory study of mental health service user experiences of targeted violence and abuse in the context of safeguarding in England'	To determine if the research participants had experienced poor care, abuse and neglect	An exploratory qualitative study a total of 23 services users were interviewed	Participants of the research demonstrated that there were safeguarding concerns that needed to be addressed
Cooper, C., et al (2018) , 'Do care homes deliver person-centered care? a cross sectional survey of staff reported abusive and positive behaviours towards residents from the (managing, agitation, and raising quality of quality of life) English national care home survey'	To identify if care staff deliver patient centered care is affected when care staff are stressed	544 staff in 92 English home units completed the revised conflict tactics scale and Maslach burnt out inventory	Physical and verbal abuse were reported. Abuse seem to occur more by staff who were burnout. Also residents who were more vulnerable were identified to be at risk of abuse
Fyson, R., Patterson, A., (2020), 'Staff understanding of abuse and poor practice in residential settings for adults with intellectual disabilities'	What do care staff understand by abuse and poor practice?	Vignettes/ semi structured interviews	56 staff and 1 service manager participated, Physical abuse was the most common abuse reported. 77% of the interviewees addressed physical abuse and was stated as the worst form of abuse

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Greener, J., (2020) 'Performance compliance and the state – corporate structuring of neglect on a residential care home for older people'	Why is abuse and neglect wide spread all over England?	Ethnographic data	Poor leadership, inadequate staff, and care staff not really wanting to do the job
Kupeli, N., (2016), 'What are the barriers to care integration for those at the advance stages of dementia living in care homes in the UK? health care professional'	To improve the understanding of health care professionals attitudes and knowledge of barriers to integrated care for people with advance dementia	Interviews which were audiotaped	Poor morale among care staff and fragmentation of health and social care
Likupe, G., (2018), 'Exploring health care workers' perceptions and experiences of communication with ethnic minority elders'	To explore health care workers perceptions and experience of communication with ethnic minority	Semi structured interviews	Poor morale among care staff and fragmentation of health and social care
Moore, S., (2017), 'What 's in a word? The importance of the concept of 'values' on the prevention of abuse of older people in care homes'	To present some of the findings from an empirical, mixed method research	Semi structured interviews	Abuse in one of the homes involved a nurse threatening to give morphine to silence a client
Pedley, Y., (2019) Media reports of abuse in adult residential care: implications for staff and practice	Care staffs' opinions as regards media reports	Single – case study, focus group	This research even though portrays the negativity lessons can still be learnt
Woolham, J., et al., (2019) , 'The employment conditions of social care personal assistants'	To describe the employment conditions of social care personal assistants	Semi structured telephone interview	The conditions of service are poor hence no incentive to put in their best

Findings

- 1 Abuse is still very much an issue in care homes and nursing homes
- 2 The issue of poor staff training is one of the main issue that brings about abuse
3. Care staff are afraid to report abuse that they witness as they are not probably trained as regards whistle blowing
4. Most abuses are carried out behind closed doors hence physical abuse goes unnoticed
5. Care staff are overworked and sometime are burnt out
6. Poor working conditions for care staff hence no incentive to put in their best
- 7 Safeguarding training even though is offered to care staff it is not put to use when caring for clients

Key themes identified

- Abuse in the elderly have become an issue that care staff witness on a regular basis hence it has almost become the norm and “institutional abuse”, has become the order of the day
- The prevalence of abuse in adult care cannot be measured, as the true picture and the extent of the problem is not known
- Some care homes and nursing homes have decided to place camera in the common area in order to monitor abuse but most of the abuse takes place in client's rooms