

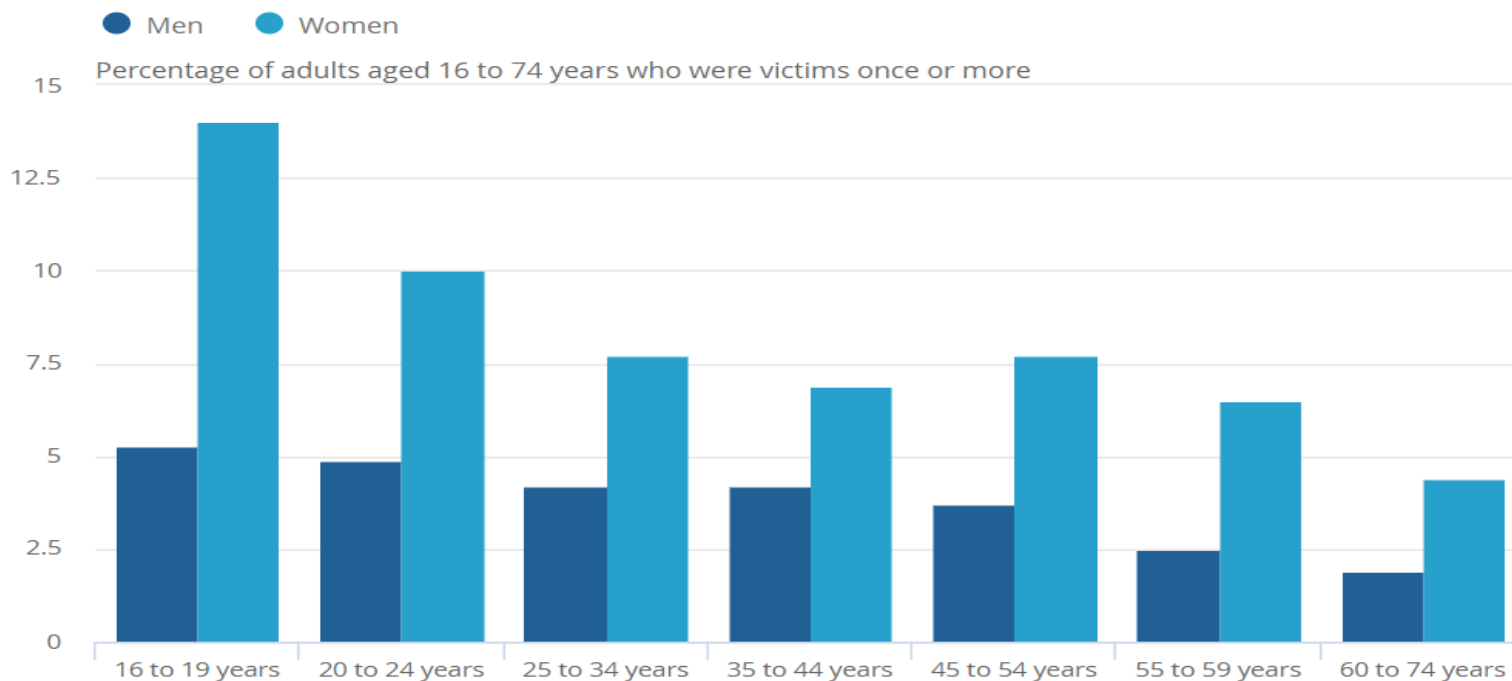
# Domestic Abuse in Later Life

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# ONS Data

## Prevalence of domestic abuse in the last year for adults aged 16 to 74 years by age and sex, England and Wales, year ending March 2020



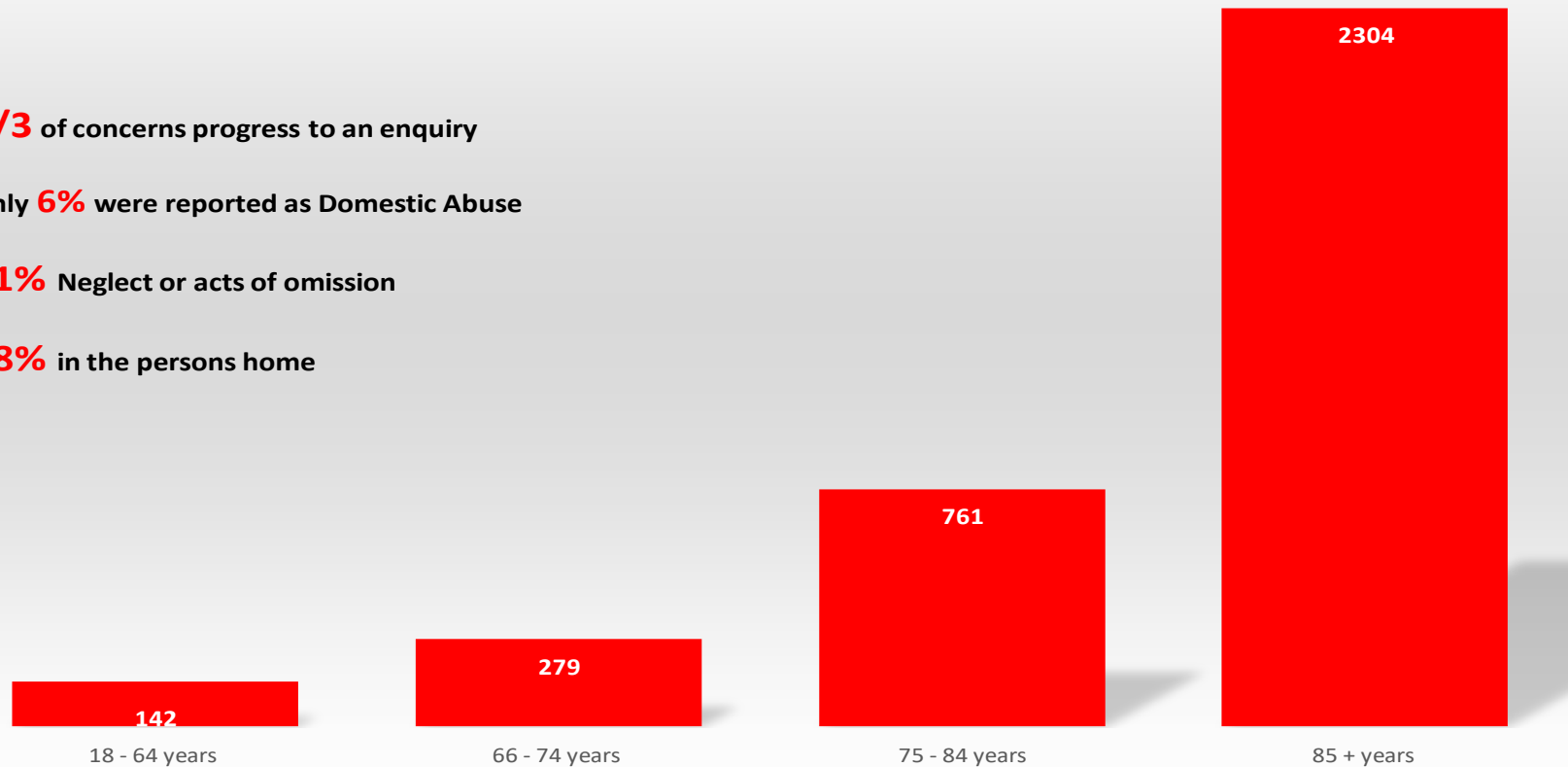
## 2020 -2021 Section 42 Safeguarding Enquiries Per 100,000 for England Data from NHS Digital

**1/3** of concerns progress to an enquiry

Only **6%** were reported as Domestic Abuse

**31%** Neglect or acts of omission

**48%** in the persons home



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## Key Asks

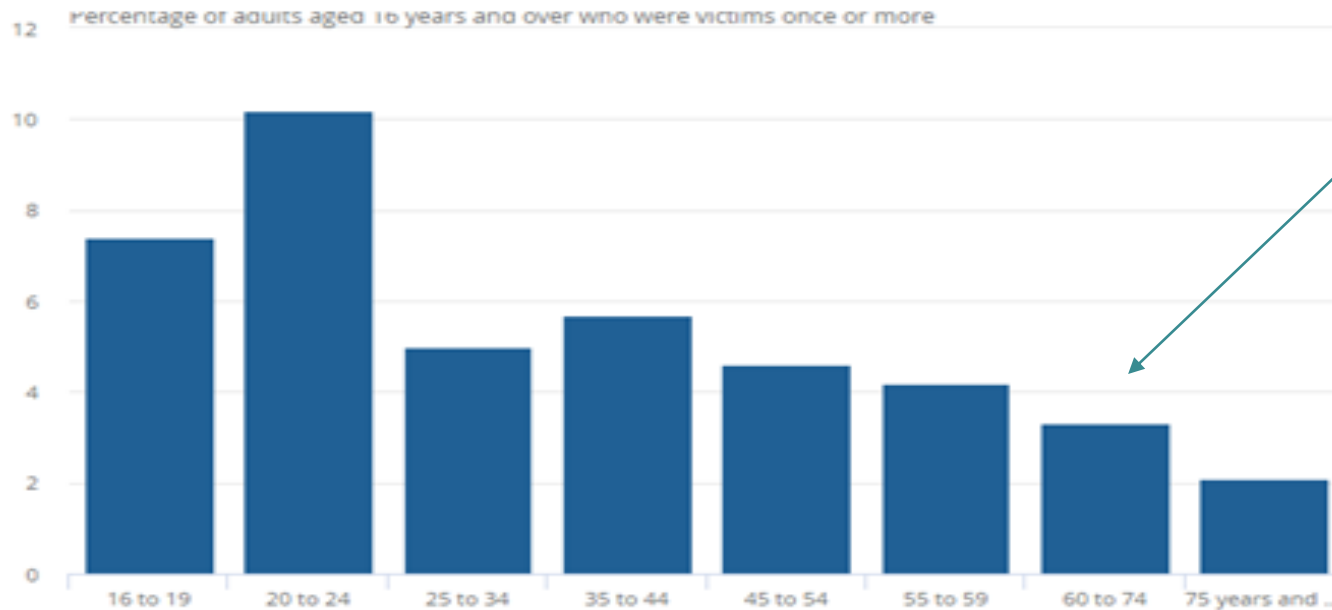
### The Domestic Abuse Act 2021

1. Data on domestic abuse must be gathered for all ages, not just people aged 74 and under.
2. There should be training for those who work with older people, particularly during hospital admission and discharge.



# ONS Data with over 74's included

**Prevalence of domestic abuse in the last year for adults aged 16 years and over by age, England and Wales, year ending March 2022**



1 in 20 women and  
1 in 60 men

Source: Office for National Statistics – Crime Survey for England and Wales

# Findings after Year 1 & 2

In all homicides involving older victims

Suspects were

81% male

19% female

Sex

Proportion of Older IPH and AFH Victims by Sex

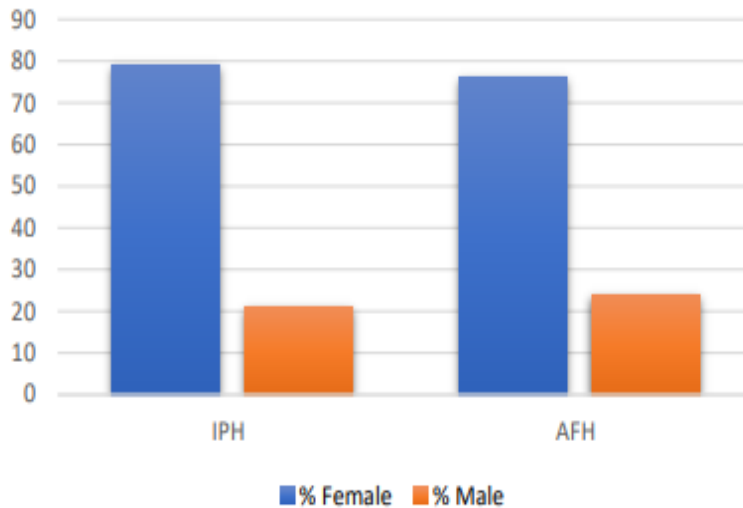
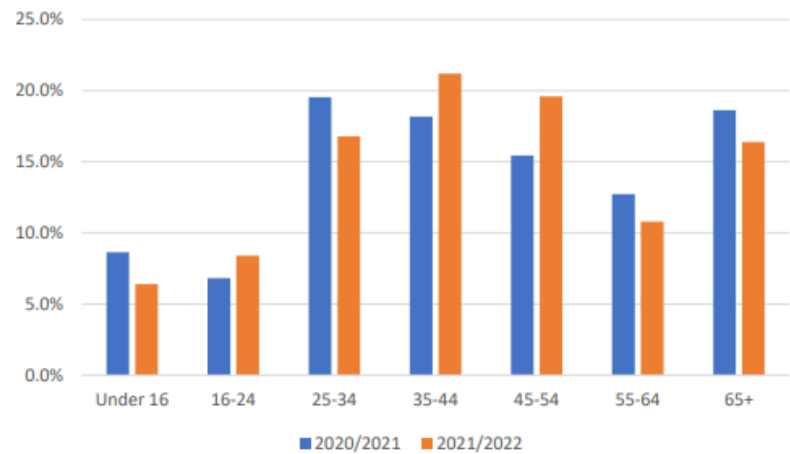


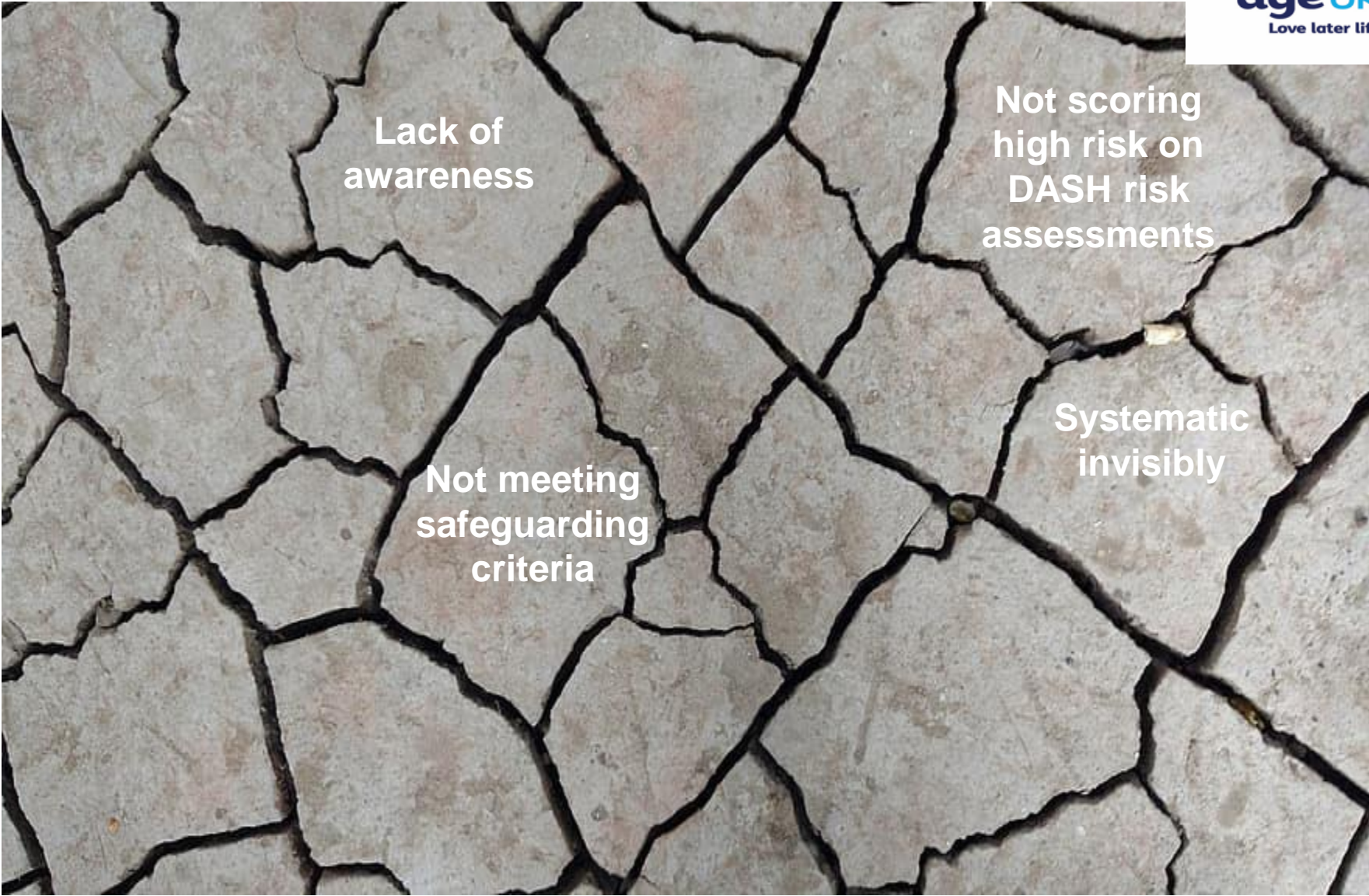
Figure 11. Proportion of victims by age group – Year 1 and Year 2



Source: Domestic Homicide Project

# Older Women Killed by Men





Lack of awareness

Not scoring high risk on DASH risk assessments

Not meeting safeguarding criteria

Systematic invisibly





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157. A Women's Aid survey of 134 domestic abuse service organisations suggests that older victims are not being seen by specialist support services in the numbers that we would expect and can face significant barriers when asking for help or when trying to leave a relationship with a perpetrator.'

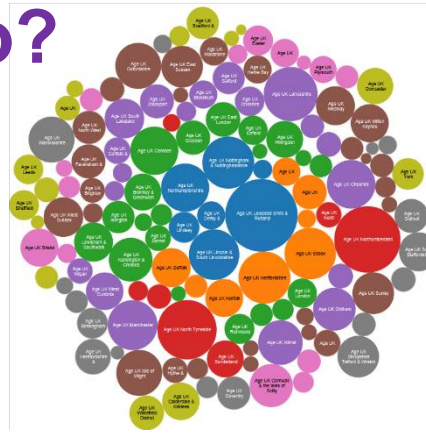
## **Domestic Abuse statutory guidance 2022**



# What do Age UK do?



Information & Advice line  
365 days a year 8am-7pm



Network of 130 Age UK Local Partners



Telephone Friendship Service



Joined forces with The Silver Line which provides a 24 hour confidential helpline



320 Charity Shops

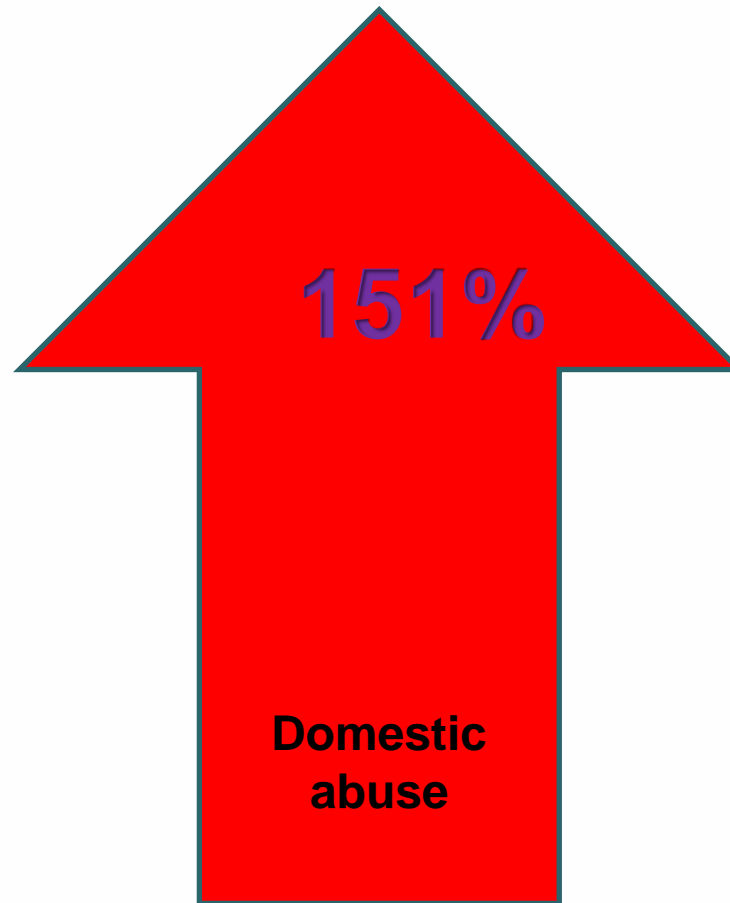


Campaigns

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# Age UK Safeguarding Team

Year 20/21 compared to year 21/22



## Member of Age UK's Friendship service

All I want is to be able to do  
is stay up and watch the TV  
after 9pm.

I wouldn't dare ask

## Caller to Age UK's Advice Line

He's in the garden now, I can't speak for long. He undermines me, calls me names and controls all our money.

It's been like this for decades.

## Call with Age UK's Safeguarding Team

I think she'll kill me one day. She moves things so people think I'm confused. I'm sure she's been tampering with my tablets.

She just wants me hurry up and die so she can get her inheritance.

## Age UK Service User

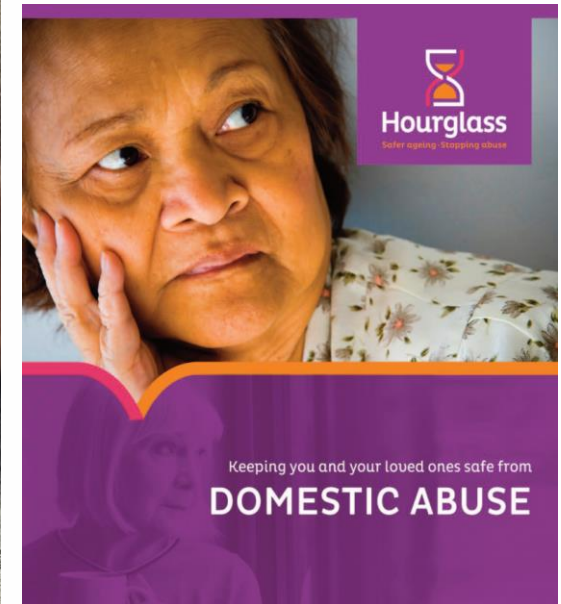
Night time is my favourite part  
of the day, knowing he can't get  
to me upstairs.

I've told my GP but nothing  
happens

# What are we doing externally?



Risk Assessment for older victims of domestic abuse in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough – October 2022





**Thank you**

