

## **OLDER PERSON ABUSE, VIOLENCE, NEGLECT (INTERIM)**

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

It is Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) policy that the safety of the older person is paramount. Any staff member who suspects abuse / violence / neglect of an older person, or to whom abuse / violence / neglect is disclosed, has a mandatory responsibility for managing the reporting of that abuse.

This interim policy is in place until the completion of the national project and implementation of national standards.

### **PURPOSE**

Health and disability services should contribute to the nurturing and protection of the older person and advocate for them as part of their role to promote protect and preserve the public health.

### **EXCLUSIONS**

There are no exclusions.

### **REFERENCES**

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- Domestic Violence Act 1995
- Health Act 1956
- Mental Health Act 1992
- Privacy Act 1993
- Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988
- Human Rights Act 1993
- Children Young Persons and their Families Act 1989
- Children Young Persons and their Families Amendment Act 2001
- Health and Disability Commissioner Act 1994

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