

Choice - Building Justice Options with Older People

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An Evaluation of the 'Access to Justice' Pilot Project

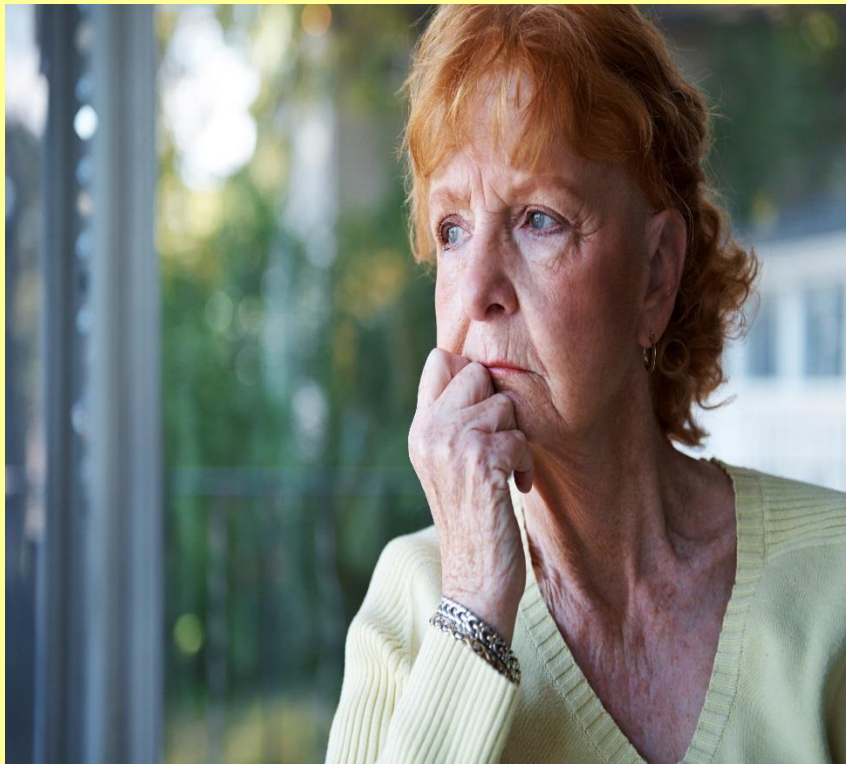


Protection of older people in Wales:
A guide to the law





Making choices on their behalf?



‘Structural’ ageism

Denied access to options
because of perceptions
about age.....?

Do you treat older people
differently?



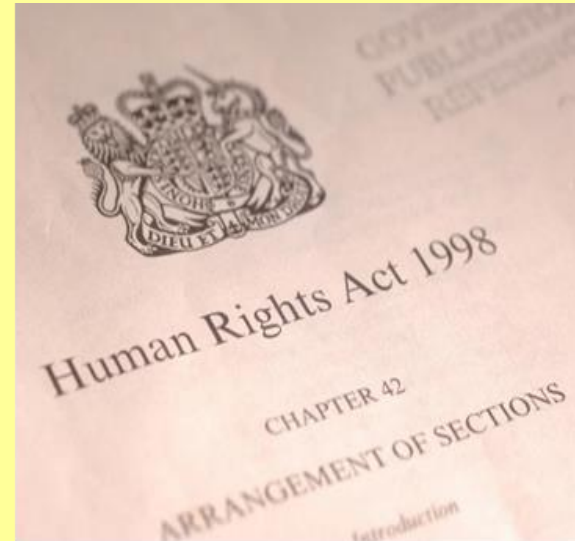
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Today's message to you

Our research on 'Access to Justice'

- Older victims of abuse are not always central to the decision making process
- People need to give 'informed consent'
- People do not know about civil options
- Families do not necessarily want to criminalise the abuser



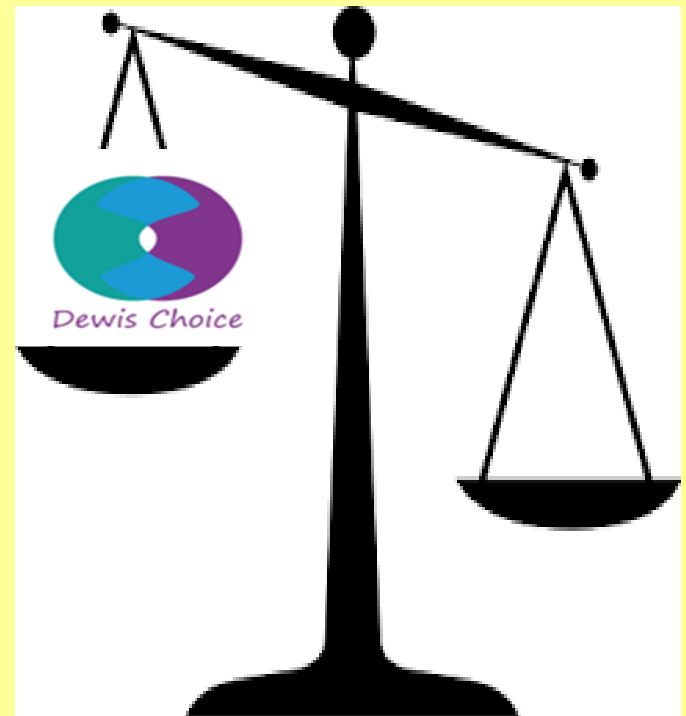
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The project ethos:

Increasing access to justice options, Increasing Choice

The provision of a justice worker to:

- Provide information on civil, criminal and restorative options
- Ensure people are involved and have **a voice** in the process
- Support for up to 18 months
- **Promoting equality of opportunity**



Restorative approaches – in community contexts

Sarah's presentation:

- Criminal Justice – is the process worth the outcome?
- The value in exploring another approach.
- Our pilot- designed by communities.



'Crimes against, and abuse of, older people in Wales' research

- Limited options for older people who are not categorised 'high risk'
- A lack of understanding about options
- Building trust and befriending
- Taking ownership and empowerment
- Choice offers an early intervention on justice options for low – medium risk people
- The justice worker ensures informed choice



Phases of the Project

- **Phase 1:** Local and national awareness raising
- **Phase 2:** Design a new justice model in each of the two pilot areas (Cardiff and Carmarthen)
- **Phase 3:** Deliver and evaluate the new justice models alongside civil and criminal remedies
- **Phase 4:** Share learning locally, national internationally



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Phase 1: Awareness Raising

What we have learnt from our research and our partners:



Phase 2: Taking local ownership of justice options and encouraging empowerment – a new model of justice?

- Design a new restorative approach tailored to local service provision in each of the two pilot areas
- The use of role-play to test ‘the journey’



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Phase 3: Delivery of the New Model

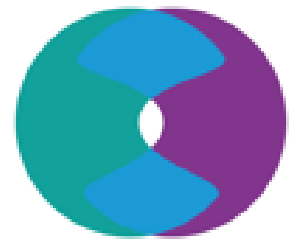
- Delivery of the intervention involving criminal, civil and restorative options will begin May 2016 in Carmarthenshire
- Referrals are made via the existing social services infrastructure
- A detailed risk assessment will be carried out before the intervention gets underway



Phase 3: Evaluation of the New Justice Model



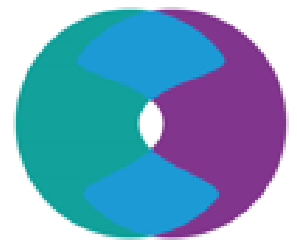
- Seek the views of the older person
- Explore the older person's decision-making process
- Evaluation of the process and outcomes of the new justice model



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Phase 4: Share the Learning

- Share our learning with practitioners and the public
- Produce a training package for practitioners
- Disseminate work at selected conferences and community groups



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‘Justice and empowerment, along with adult protection should lie at the heart of any comprehensive safeguarding service’

Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (2010)

Questions?

Professor Alan Clarke

Senior Research Fellow Sarah Wydall

