

Carers in Australia: assisting frail older people and people with a disability.

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Research aim:
The motivation for an exposition on carers in Australia came from an AIHW project that analysed the likely impact of social trends on future numbers of primary carers (Jenkins et al. 2003). Building on this earlier work, the present report uses data from the 1998 Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers to present a picture of informal care in contemporary Australia—who are the primary carers, who do they assist, and what does caring involve? It explores the impact of caring work and patterns of formal service use with informal care.

Results/Conclusion:
This report includes results on: who are primary carers, the demands and consequences of caring work, the changing context of informal care, the impact of social trends on the need for and availability of primary carers and the interplay of informal care and use of formal services. There is no specific chapter on CALD carers or caring for CALD older people but some results are presented by country of birth.

Implications:

Cultural Group(s):
Not specific to CALD

Location of study:
Australia

Age group:
N/A

Number included in study:
N/A

Type of participants:
N/A

Research approach:
Quantitative

Type of data:
Secondary

Secondary data sources used:
ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 1998

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: