

Caring for Older Refugees in NSW: A Discussion Paper

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Key Words:

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Research aim:

Their experiences of organised violence and/or war mean that, compared with other older people in the mainstream community or other migrants, older refugees have additional needs. While older refugees are likely to have a higher risk of poorer psychological and physical health than the mainstream population, this is largely unrecognised by policy makers or by service providers responsible for their treatment and care.

Results/Conclusion:

A central recommendation of this paper is that the Australian and State/Territory Governments should acknowledge older refugees as a group with special needs related to their past experiences, and that this should be reflected in research policies, funding guidelines and service planning and delivery. Recommendations: 1) Older refugees should be recognised as a special needs group. (series of 8 recommendations)

Implications:

Cultural Group(s):

Refugee background

Location of study:

New South Wales

Age group:

Number included in study:

N/A

Type of participants:

service providers

Research approach:

Mixed methods

Type of data:

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes:

A discussion paper that presents data on refugee populations in NSW and recommendations for meeting the needs of older refugee populations based on consultations with service providers