The social support and service needs of Australia’s aging Greek migrants: a literature review


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Research aim:
This paper presents the results of a literature review undertaken to shape an emerging social research program on the service and support needs of Australia’s ageing Greek migrants.

Results/Conclusion:
The search returned an extensive amount of international literature on ageing populations, but only a very small number of publications on the service use and needs of Australia’s older Greek population. Barriers to service use included low proficiency in English, lack of Greek-speaking service providers, low awareness of services available, and various cultural issues.

Implications:
The review also identified a lack of research carried out in the Greek language by researchers with a Greek background, which suggests that the views of older Greek migrants may be missing from much social research. We conclude that a sustained and culturally appropriate research effort conducted in the first language is needed and is essential if community-based services are to become more appropriate and accessible for the older members of Australia’s Greek communities.

Cultural Group(s):
Greek

Location of study:

Age group:

Number included in study:
N/A

Type of participants:

Research approach:

Type of data:
Literature review

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/Recommendations:

Notes: