

**DETECTING AND PREVENTING FINANCIAL ABUSE OF OLDER ADULTS: AN EXAMINATION OF
DECISION-MAKING BY HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND BANKING PROFESSIONALS**

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With increasing numbers of cognitively impaired older people cared for in the community, there are growing challenges associated with money handling. Financial abuse of vulnerable older people is of growing concern. It is equally important to protect professionals and carers from unfair allegations of financial abuse. The aim of this project is to examine decision-making in relation to the detection of financial elder abuse. Health, social care and banking professionals are the focus of this study. There are three phases to this study: Phase I - In-depth interviews, using critical incident methods, with health, social care and banking professionals. Phase II - Experiments aimed at testing hypotheses about decision-making using case scenarios: Phase III - Examination of policy documents and guidelines. This research is funded by the UK New Dynamics of Ageing Programme. The aim of this poster is to describe the project, present findings from Phase I of the study, and outline preliminary findings from Phase III, the policy analysis.