

BRIDGET PENHALE

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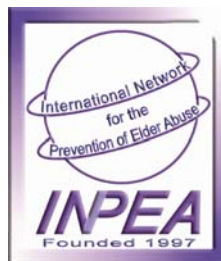


Bridget Penhale is currently Reader in Gerontology at the University of Sheffield, UK. With a first degree in psychology, she has been qualified as a social worker since 1981. Bridget has specialised in work with older people since 1983, and worked in urban, rural and city areas in addition to hospitals. After a successful career as social worker and manager spanning some 15 years, she took up an academic post at the University of Hull (UK) in 1996, moving to Sheffield in 2004.

She is past Chair of the British Association of Social Worker's Community Care Sub-Committee, and former Vice-Chair of Action on Elder Abuse. She is currently chair of the Hull Domestic Violence Forum, a multi-agency network to develop responses to domestic violence (predominantly of women).

Bridget has also participated in a number of projects with the Social Services Inspectorate of the Department of Health (UK government) concerning elder abuse; the discharge of frail elderly people from hospital and older people with dementia living in the community. Bridget is a member of the UK National Social Care Research Ethics Committee and a Board member of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA).

Bridget has published material on decision-making and mentally incapacitated adults and extensively on elder abuse. Her publications include 12 books and 20 book chapters as well as journal papers and reports. Bridget's research interests include elder abuse, adult protection, domestic violence; mental health of older people; bereavement in later life, health related social work and intergenerational relationships. She was the Principal Investigator of a Department of Health funded research project on Adult Protection (2004-2007) and provided project management to the UK prevalence study on Elder Abuse in community settings. Bridget is currently involved in a number of other research projects on elder abuse and adult protection and is involved in three European initiatives on different aspects of elder abuse. She is also acting as Scientific Advisor to a Department of Health funded Research Initiative on Abuse, neglect and lack of dignity in institutional care settings for older people. Bridget is recognised nationally in the UK for her work on adult protection and internationally for her work on elder abuse.



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