

Elder Care Canterbury

*Working together to integrate and improve health services
for the well-being of Canterbury's older people*

Older Persons Refugee & Migrant Health Issues Group Terms of Reference

Purpose	To ensure the best interchange of information between groups and individuals interested in improving the health and well being outcomes for older refugee & migrant people in Canterbury.
Background	The 2006 population census showed an increasing number of older refugees & migrants in Canterbury. The emerging issues were around social isolation and language barriers. During 2006, there were several interagency meetings held to discuss these issues. At an Elder Care Canterbury Reference Group meeting in March 2007, it was agreed to facilitate regular meetings of an intersectoral group through Elder Care Canterbury with a focus on the health and well being needs of this growing population.
Scope	The group's primary role is information sharing so that issues (actual or potential) adversely affecting the health and well-being of the older refugee & migrant community are identified and can be brought to the attention of funders or providers of services, as appropriate.
Roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To help the exchange of information between the refugee & migrant community and community agencies about health and well-being issues for older refugee & migrant people in Canterbury. ▪ To identify areas where collaboration between different agencies or groups could improve services and reduce duplication of effort to a minimum. ▪ To ensure that information about gaps or deficiencies in services is brought to the attention of funders or providers of services as appropriate e.g. Canterbury District Health Board, Primary Health Organisations, Christchurch City Council and Ministry of Social Development ▪ To advocate for older refugee & migrant people, including maintaining a high awareness of issues affecting this population's health needs, both present, and looking into the future.
Membership	<p>Membership of the group is open to any member of the Canterbury community interested in actively and positively contributing to achieve the group's purpose.</p> <p>Key attributes sought in members, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Being able to work collaboratively in a group setting - Being willing to consult with the wider community and to share their knowledge of issues affecting the health and well-being of the older refugee and migrant people in Canterbury - Availability to attend the majority of meetings

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Meetings	It is expected that these will be held approximately 3 – 4 times each year. Meetings will be chaired by a member of the Group.
Administration	The Coordinator - Elder Care Canterbury will compile and distribute agendas & minutes of meetings and arrange other administrative tasks as required.
Spokesperson	<p>The group has no authority to speak on behalf of its member organisations or Elder Care Canterbury.</p> <p>Before speaking in the name of Elder Care Canterbury there must be consultation between the Chairperson of the Older Persons Refugee & Migrant Health Issues Group, the Elder Care Canterbury Coordinator and the Chairperson of the Elder Care Canterbury Reference Group.</p>
Timeframe	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Annual review in October each year</p>