

Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Act 2006 Summary

The Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Act 2006 establishes the office of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales and sets out the Commissioner's functions and powers. The Commissioner's general role is to promote and safeguard the interests of older people in Wales, review how public bodies exercise their functions, encourage best practice, and help older people in certain circumstances.

The Commissioner can review the discharge of functions by relevant authorities, undertake investigations, require information, enter certain premises, and publish reports and recommendations.

How does this relate to Older Victim-Survivors?

The Commissioner has a specific statutory mandate to safeguard the interests of older people, making abuse, neglect and exploitation squarely within remit.

Public bodies are expected to take the Commissioner's recommendations seriously, giving an additional accountability lever where older people experiencing abuse have been failed by systems.