

Seniors' Conference 2011: Agents of Change

Session Title:	Elder Financial Abuse
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Summary of Discussions:

General

Be careful with Power of Attorney forms, Use professionals rather than families

To avoid “mum’s a bit gaga” comments go out every day, be **seen** to be active in the community

Use “Elder Law” solicitors when possible

Learn to use the Internet – let people know that you are Internet savvy

Document **everything** especially incidents that are a concern to you

What will we do now? What needs to happen next?

Publicise availability of Public Trustee and Guardianship

The statement of the power of attorney must include criteria which protect the senior

Seniors need protection from good policies and reliable support (financial, legal, mental) as they become weaker physically and in memory and mentally