Health, justice and ageing symposium

Thursday 21 March 2019, 1.30-5pm, UTS Aerial Function Centre, Sydney

As our population ages, the impact of older people’s vulnerability to poor health and unmet legal need increases. This vulnerability may arise from greater isolation or dependency on others due to existing gaps in service accessibility or effectiveness for older people, particularly for people who are hard to reach or experiencing complex need.

Health, legal and other services must be capable of identifying and meeting the needs of older people, to guard against these vulnerabilities and address them when they are identified.

‘Health, justice and ageing’ is a landmark national symposium providing a unique opportunity to explore the systemic drivers of vulnerability faced by older people and the innovations that are improving how we meet the needs of our ageing population. Discussion will explore some of the social and systemic factors that determine vulnerability among older people, such as:

- Wealth inequity
- Changes in cognitive and physical abilities
- Capacity and capability within institutions and services
- Difficulty navigating systems
- Role of advisors
- Loneliness and isolation
- Ageism and discrimination

Consumers and community members, practitioners, researchers, service providers and policy makers are invited to participate in this important discussion, identifying priorities and opportunities for collaboration to support ageing with health, justice and dignity.

Facilitated by Julie McCrossin, the symposium will feature an international keynote delivered by Professor Liz Tobin-Tyler, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Health Services, Policy and Practice, Brown University, marking the release of new insights into partnerships between healthcare providers and legal professionals to address elder care in the USA. Consumer insights will be featured alongside discussants including Janet Anderson, Australian Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner; Dr Tessa Boyd-Caine, CEO, Health Justice Australia; Faith Hawthorne, Manager and Principal Lawyer, Seniors Law; The Hon Kay Patterson, Age Discrimination Commissioner; and Alison Verhoeven, CEO, Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association.

Tickets for this event can be purchased here:


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