

NATIONAL NSW CRIME

# Former aged care nurse allegedly assaulted eight patients, police say

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A 56-year-old woman who formerly worked at an aged care facility in Sydney's inner-west has been charged with assaulting eight patients over an eight-month span in 2019.

The former nurse was arrested at a home in Palomar Parade in Yagoona in south-west Sydney on Wednesday morning.



A former aged care worker in Yagoona has been charged with assaulting eight patients in 2019. JESSICA SHAPIRO

She was taken to Bankstown Police Station and charged with eight counts of common assault.

Despite working at the facility for 10 years, the string of alleged attacks - on six men aged 79, 80, 82, 86, 89, and 95 and two women, aged 53 and 86 - all occurred between February and October last year.

The woman was formally granted conditional bail to appear before Burwood Local Court on Wednesday, March 18.

In January of last year, 35-year-old aged care worker Prakash Paudyal [was jailed after using a shoe to hit an 82-year-old man](#) who suffered from dementia, [but was released on appeal the following month](#).

Assaults between residents also remain a concern. New data in late 2018 showed that two people die and more than 4000 assaults are reported in aged care homes every year [as a result of resident-to-resident aggression](#).



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