Special Interest Group on Intermediate Care

Purpose

This Special Interest Group (SIG) aims to facilitate collaboration across disciplines and across countries to enhance our understanding, adoption and evaluation of Intermediate Care as a key component of people centred integrated care.

Intermediate Care is a continuum of integrated community services for assessment, treatment, rehabilitation and support for older people and adults with long term conditions at times of transition in their health and support needs. Intermediate Care services offer alternatives to emergency inpatient care, support timely discharge from hospital, promote recovery and return to independence, and prevent premature admission to long-term residential care.

Intermediate care offers an enabling and integrated approach at the interface between home and hospital, and at transition from illness or injury to recovery and independence; helping people achieve their personal goals or outcomes. Intermediate care can be provided in:

- Individuals’ own homes
- Sheltered housing and extra care housing
- Care homes
- Community hospitals

Members

The SIG is for practitioners, managers, researchers, students, and policy makers engaged in planning, designing and delivering Intermediate Care in different health and care systems.

Get Involved

If you have an interest in Intermediate Care, practical experience or resources to share, a question or challenge for SIG members, or suggestions for future SIG activities please contact Marie Curran our SIG facilitator marie@hmcic.uk

Please send us your name; organisation; email contact; and role in Intermediate Care
Activities

The SIG will provide a platform for members to share implementation experience, highlight examples of good practice, signpost practical resources, and agree and collaborate on research, education and evaluation priorities for Intermediate Care. Members will shape the scope of SIG activities and outputs. These may include:

- Webinars and online peer support
- Good practice case studies
- Practical resources
- Study Visits
- Blogs
- Evidence reviews
- Consensus documents
- Collaborative action research
- Benchmarking

Moderators

Marie will be supported by practitioners and researchers who are implementing or evaluating intermediate care. These volunteer moderators, drawn from the membership of the SIG, will change annually to enrich the knowledge base and extend the reach of the global community of practice.

Anne Hendry, IFIC Scotland

Geriatrician, clinical lead for integrated care and for Reshaping Care for Older People programme. As a Senior Fellow with IFIC, Anne hosts the Integrated Care Matters webinars, leads the Intermediate Care SIG and participates in knowledge exchange across the globe.
Marco Inzitari, Pere Virgili Hospital, Barcelona

Director of Healthcare Research and Teaching in a large intermediate care hospital and Associate Professor of Medicine, Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona. Interests include frailty, person centred care, healthcare technology, e-Health and prevention.

Lucy Fergus, Hawkes Bay District Health Board, New Zealand

Geriatrician and clinical lead of engAGE, a new integrated care service linking community, hospital and primary care which supports frail older people to remain independent at home. She uses skills in leadership and improvement to change systems and enhance the health of older people and is passionate about collaborating with others both in New Zealand and overseas.

Gastón Perman, Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires

Internal Medicine specialist and Clinical Lead in Health and Social Care Integration. Senior Cabinet Advisor for the Ministry of Health in Buenos Aires Province, and Assistant Professor of Public Health. His group works on an integral plan for the Elderly, including health promotion and healthy ageing.