



## Special Interest Group

### Integrated Care in Small Island Systems

### Small Islands.....Big Ambitions

#### Purpose

Small island systems experience specific challenges yet their size makes them an ideal platform for innovation and transformation to build resilience, create more sustainable systems and improve outcomes for, and with their citizens. Many islands face similar issues as rural and remote communities: outward migration combined with an ageing population and high levels of chronic disease; a limited workforce skills base within a small population; difficulties with recruitment and retention of specific specialist staff; and lack of economies of scale resulting in high costs for energy, infrastructure, transportation, communication and services; and a reliance on public sector. These issues are driving innovation and testing of new ways of working at a faster pace than in many urban and mainland systems.

#### Members

The SIG is for practitioners, managers, researchers, students, educational providers, regulators, policy makers and professional leaders involved in planning, delivering and evaluating Integrated Care in small island systems. It provides a platform for members to learn from each other, share examples of innovation and good practice, and understand how to build system resilience and accelerate transformational change with their island communities. The SIG has established links with the following

- European Rural and Isolated Practitioners Association (EURIPA): <https://euripa.woncaeurope.org/>
- Scottish Rural Health Partnership: <https://integratedcarefoundation.org/ific-members-network-wiki/scottish-rural-health-partnership-website>

#### Get Involved

If you have an interest in Integrated Care in Small Island Systems please contact Marie Curran, SIG facilitator, with your name; organisation; email contact; and role at:

[IFICscotland@integratedcarefoundation.org](mailto:IFICscotland@integratedcarefoundation.org)

Please send Marie any resources, digital media or links to other websites to share on the SIG page at [Small Island Systems - IFIC \(integratedcarefoundation.org\)](https://integratedcarefoundation.org/small-island-systems)

## Activities

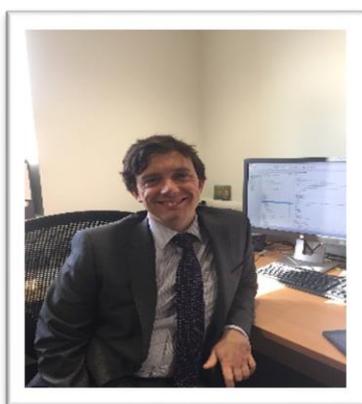
SIG members shape the scope of SIG activities and outputs. These may include:

- Exchange of good practice case studies and practical resources on integrated care
- Networking sessions at IFIC Conference workshops
- Informal, self organised study visits and twinning activities
- Webinars and virtual learning events on people centred integrated care on islands
- Small Islands Learning Exchange to share progress in transforming outcomes

## Current Topics of Interest

- Place based models of care
- Innovation in active and healthy ageing
- Integrated planning and delivery of long term care and end of life care
- Approaches to commissioning off island treatment
- Integrated workforce development and education
- Integrated approaches to quality improvement, regulation and scrutiny

## SIG Leads



### **Oliver Radford, General Manager, Integrated Care**

General Manager for Integrated Community Care for the Isle of Man Department of Health & Social Care since 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020, initially leading on community based Covid response projects as well as picking up the responsibility for delivery of the integrated care transformation programme. Prior to that he was General Manager for Unscheduled Care at Noble's Hospital since January 2019, and before that he was Surgical Divisional Manager, commencing in post in April 2016.



### **Anne Mills, Director, Scholl Academic Centre, CEO Hospice Isle of Man**

As Director, Anne is fast establishing the Scholl Academic Centre as a Centre of Excellence in Integrated Care and is developing the centre's reputation as such. Anne also leads the SIG for Palliative and End of Life Care and is Co-Lead for the Compassionate Communities SIG. Collaboration is second nature to Anne and she has established an extensive network of partnerships to ensure the people of the Isle of Man and beyond have access to evidenced based Integrated Palliative and End of Life Care that is within and supports wider systems Integration. She is tirelessly committed to people centred values and believes that populations fair better in a dynamic and active research culture that focuses on translational research explicitly linked with systems improvement and integration.



## SIG Coordination and Support



### **Anne Hendry, IFIC Senior Associate and Director IFIC Scotland**

Honorary Professor, University of the West of Scotland Deputy Honorary Secretary, British Geriatrics Society Clinical lead Reshaping Care for Older People in Scotland 2011- 2016.



### **Marie Curran, IFIC Scotland Coordinator**

Marie supports a number of IFIC Special Interest Groups and administers the Integrated Care Matters Webinars Series. She has a background in producing digital media, training staff on the use of IT systems, and providing project management and improvement support to health and social care partners.

## SIG Moderators

A core team of people, knowledgeable and passionate about implementing people centred integrated care in small island systems, work together to:

- Develop and update the annual workplan
- Identify specific topic areas to explore together
- Mobilise their networks to source and share resources, updates, and learning opportunities that can be uploaded to the SIG
- Encourage members to contribute blogs about their work or local developments
- Participate in SIG virtual meetings and, if possible, IFIC conference workshops



### **Dr Bernard Valentin, Principal Secretary, Seychelles Ministry of Health**

As Principal Secretary for Health, Dr Bernard Valentin is responsible for formulation and implementation of national health policy and strategy for the Seychelles. He is a fervent patient advocate and has been one of the pioneers of person-centred and integrated care in Seychelles. He has also been one of the founders and main supporters of the Seychelles Patients Association. Bernard has also served as Chairman of the Seychelles Medical and Dental Council from 2013 to 2018, as a member of the National Assembly (Parliament) of Seychelles

from 1998 to 2002 and on the Executive Board of the World Health Organisation (WHO) from 2011 to 2013. He swims and writes creatively and has two published novels in Seychelles' Creole language.



**Dr Conrad Shamlaye, Seychelles Ministry of Health**

Dr Conrad Shamlaye is keenly interested in promoting community engagement in health and ensuring that health features prominently in the national development agenda. He qualified as a medical doctor at the University of Glasgow, and has specialist qualifications in epidemiology (London) and health economics (York). His career in the Seychelles health system includes clinical and public health practice, research, management and health policy development. He has held the post of Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Special Advisor to the Minister and is currently a health policy advisor. He has participated in international health through the World Health Organization, the Commonwealth and regional health and development organisations. He is currently also the Chairman of the Public Health Authority and Chairman of the National Institute for Science, Technology and Innovation.



**Dr. Sarah-Anne Munoz, University of the Highlands and Islands**

Sarah, a Health Geographer and Reader in Rural Health and Wellbeing, leads a team of researchers within the *Division of Rural Health and Wellbeing* at the *University of the Highlands and Islands* in Inverness. Sarah-Anne’s particular research interests are in the areas of community engagement and co-production; community-led health and wellbeing promoting initiatives; social prescribing; social enterprise and health; and interactions between nature/landscape and wellbeing. She is an advocate of the benefits of international collaboration and comparative research and collaborates, in particular, with colleagues in Australia and US.



**Kirsty Brightwell, Medical Director, and GP, NHS Shetland**

Following University in Aberdeen, SHO posts throughout Scotland and New Zealand, Kirsty undertook GP training in Inverness before moving to the Western Isles in 2008. She has worked in a variety of GP roles including clinical lead for various initiatives, GP trainer and GP mentor. She became the Cluster Quality Lead and Associate Medical Director for Primary Care in 2016 working within the Western Isles Health and Social Care Partnership. In 2020 she was appointed as Medical Director in NHS Shetland. She was in cohort 1 of Project Lift’s Leadership Cubed programme. A traveller from an early age, Kirsty hails from London via Malaysia and New Zealand. Kirsty has 2 boys who are fanatical about mountain biking and a husband who is saving the world through airborne wind energy. A keen swimmer she is struggling to move into triathlon due to an adverse reaction to cold water.