



Integrated Care in Small Islands

Special Interest Group Forum

Tuesday, 26th January 2021

- IFICs Small Islands Special Interest Group held an eForum on 26th January, co-hosted by Anne Mills and Oliver Radford from the Isle of Man.
- **Cheryl Young** outlined Hospice at Home, a response to listening to what the Isle of Man community wants
- **Karen Leach** reflected on #GuernseyTogether and the importance of understanding culture and heritage when leading transformation
- **Dr Kirsty Brightwell** described innovative virtual community engagement and co-production of an Island Health Service Strategy in Shetland
- **Prof Vladimir Mozetič**, highlighted an integrated Covid response in Primorje - Gorski Kotar County, Croatia which has 11 inhabited islands and mountainous terrain
- **Dr Nick Guldemond** presented plans to create the conditions for community based integrated care in the Caribbean island of Curaçao

The forum welcomed a new member Maurice Yap from Hong Kong who joined 34 SIG members representing 10 Island regions and strategic partners from: Scottish Rural Health Partnership, University of the Highlands and Islands, Rural Wisdom Project, the International Foundation of Integrated Care and the Scholl Academic Centre.



Panellists



Cheryl Young
Isle of Man



Karen Leach
Head of Community Health & Social
Care, States of Guernsey



Kirsty Brightwell
GP and Medical Director, NHS Shetland



Assist. Prof. Vladimir Mozetič, MD, PhD, MHA
Director, Community Health Centre, Primorje-Gorski kotar
County, Croatia



Dr Nick Guldemond
Professor Integrated care and technology at Sechenov First Moscow State
Medical University and senior researcher at the National eHealth Living Lab
(NeLL) of Leiden University Medical Center

Take Home Messages

We overprescribe and don't pay enough attention to family and community

Stop being a hero and be a partner is such a big statement

- ⇒ Islands have the advantage of fewer IT systems but can face digital connectivity issues
- ⇒ The challenge of managing scarce resources means stratifying population needs and matching the right skills and resources to levels of need - that needs honest conversations
- ⇒ It is crucial to consider community and family assets to support wellbeing
- ⇒ We need change at all levels in an aligned system to realise people centred integrated care

Need to consider older group when using digital technology

Such a good point about those on islands looking 'beyond' for collaboration, ideas and support



You will find the webinar recording [here](#) and

presentation slides [Here](#).