

Integrated Care in Small Islands Special Interest Group Forum

Tuesday, 26th April 2022

IFICs Small Islands Special Interest Group held an eForum on 26th April, hosted by Prof. Anne Hendry.

Karen Leach, reflected on progress in the Strategic Professional Alliance in Guernsey and a new programme to support staff wellbeing. The transformation programme has been reframed to reflect a more ambitious set of priorities in the context of continuing system pressures and delayed transfers of care. Lack of affordable housing is a practical barrier to recruitment.

Tia Hall reported the government in Jersey has a new CEO and is preparing for elections in June. It is hoped the new administration continues to sustain the successful integrated Jersey Care mode. She highlighted success in engaging and aligning third sector partners but challenges around workforce development and reliance on off island education.

Claire Bader gave an update on the Wellbeing Partnerships on the Isle of Man, enabling access to services and community supports in a timely fashion and improving coordination of care. She described the challenge of attribution of impact and measuring outcomes that matter.

Morven McPhillips updated on the rich learning from reviewing the governance of an integrated model of care at Bowman Court, a housing facility on Mull adjacent to the community hospital. This provides progressive care at home for 12 people, including respite, but is not registered as a residential facility. .

The Social Care Standards Agency team from Malta highlighted 12 sets of Social Regulatory Standards they have published in the last four years. The agency organises opportunities for service providers to meet to discuss matters directly affecting them. The team reflected the challenge of personalising care and discussed the tremendous responses by the care sector during the pandemic.



The forum welcomed 16 SIG members representing 7 Island regions and strategic partners from: Scottish Rural Health Partnership.

Take Home Messages

Look forward to hearing about the Guernsey DN placement in Mull and Iona

Lots to learn from islands with different population

- ⇒ Lack of transport and housing are common barriers for recruitment
- ⇒ Shetland's Pool Car Scheme helped recruitment of care at home staff – and saved money!
- ⇒ In moving from 'project' to 'business as usual' you need to align and integrate with other initiatives to avoid multiple workstream siloes
- ⇒ Is there a role for a virtual Integrated Care Academy to support cross sector workforce education and development across islands?

Rural and island workforce live local – so supporting their wellness

Staff need support to develop and apply coaching skills



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

presentation slides [here](#)

SmILE 3: Friday 23rd September (Details to follow)