

## HSCP INTEGRATION ON ARRAN - APRIL 2018

- The Arran population of 5000 is much older than Scottish or Ayrshire averages. 30.5% are aged over 65 and this has risen from 23% in 2001. Some of this rise is driven by movement to the island later in life and 30% of over 65s have moved to Arran in the last 10 years. Population Projections for the coming decade predict an increase of 50% in over 80s and 25% over 75s (A&A Public Health report). There is high life expectancy – for males this is nearly 4 years higher than the North Ayrshire average and 2 years above Scottish averages.
- In line with the older population, multimorbidity is high – for example, 20% more people on Arran live with 2,3 or 4 chronic conditions than in Ayrshire as whole.
- There is a high Dependency ratio (0.66 Arran – 0.58 Ayrshire) meaning there are less people available for carer roles, including employment. A 2017 NAC report has projected a 47% fall in the working population in the coming decade based on current demographics. This is likely to have profound implications for the economy of the Island and is highly significant to Health & Social care workforce planning.
- There has been a 32% fall in children living on Arran from 2001-2013; children represent a significantly lower percentage of population than Ayrshire and Scottish averages.
- More than 50% of population is aged 16-64.
- The Arran housing market is pressured with high costs and a limited housing supply. The average house price in 2017 was £215 000 compared £133 000 for all of Ayrshire. Home ownership is beyond the financial means of many health and social care workers. Rental markets are distorted by the demand for holiday rentals and private rentals are difficult to find.
- Arran is a very popular visitor destination, is getting busier, and is by far the busiest route on the Caledonian MacBrayne network. CalMac transported 844K passengers on the Brodick-Ardrossan route in 2017. Following the introduction of the Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) Scheme there was a 9% rise in passenger numbers in 2016 and a further 5.6% rise in 2017.
- Arran is the seventh largest Island in Scotland and covers an area equivalent to the rest of North Ayrshire. The population is spread around the 56 mile circumference of the island, travel times by car are significant and very much longer for those dependent on public transport.
- There is low crime on Arran and, apart from geographical access; there are lower markers of deprivation than in other areas of Ayrshire. There are high levels of educational attainment and low unemployment.