Connecting Services Internationally

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Method

Dual approach to data collection from ADI member associations around the world

• National Policy Search and Analysis
  • Policy documents and guidelines

• Online Survey
  • Survey Monkey
  • 21 multi-choice, scale response and open ended questions

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Response Rate and Representativity

- 90 responses
- 23 countries participating
- All continents represented
- Representation from public, private and voluntary sectors

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Several countries have a dementia policy but rurality did not feature strongly.

Common themes from the policies on rurality:
- Need for improved **co-ordination** of services
- Need for more context specific and comparative research
- Need to increase **awareness**
- More attention is needed across the whole spectrum of care
Critical Survey Findings

• 76% agreed that *rurality is an important issue* for service provision in their country
• 89% agreed that *rural dementia services have greater challenges* than urban services
• 80% agreed that connecting *rural services* through a web platform can *improve service design*
• 78% agreed that connecting *rural services* through a web platform can *improve service evidence base*
• 67% agreed that connecting *rural services* through an IT infrastructure is *possible* in their region

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Ways forward

What would a rural dementia care website offer?

• An international evidence base of best practice, new ideas and lessons from experience
• Peer to peer inspiration and networking
• Access to procedures and evidence for services across countries
• Generation of evidence and research opportunities
The Rural Website ...
Contributing to the Website

Research, Projects and Service Initiatives

- Purpose
- Key opportunities
- Needs and expectations
- Evaluation methods
- Outcomes, results and conclusions
- Contribution to innovation and knowledge
- Images
- Contacting contributors
... When the posters are gone

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Understanding
the influence of rurality

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