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**"Challenges in Delivering Services in Island Communities**

Delivering services in island communities presents its own challenges.

In most areas resources, particularly qualified staff and finance are major service pressure. But islands are different!

This paper discusses some of the issues that make islands different and uses some examples from the Environmental Health services in Orkney to illustrate this.

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