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"Public Health – An Orkney Perspective (Recycling)

The presentation is focused on waste and waste management practices and falls into two sections. The first looks at the National Waste Strategy (NWS). The NWS is a frame work within which Scotland can reduce the waste it produces and deal with that which is produced in a more sustainable way. In response to the NWS Orkney and Shetland have produced a local response called the Local Area Waste Plan which is considered in the second part of the presentation. This plan details what Orkney is going to do to improve its waste management practices. Orkney's local response and the projects that this includes shall be highlighted.

Gael has recently moved to Orkney to take up the position of Waste Awareness Officer. She previously worked for Aberdeenshire Council in a similar line of work. Gael has a background in Geography and Environmental Science and her job here involves a range of activities which focus on raising Waste Awareness throughout Orkney. This can include encouraging people to use Green Cones, reusable nappies on babies and recycling.