

RSPA Summary of main points from SEERAD

Colonsay, Jura and N Islay

Top ten service priorities that needed improvement were identified as:

Main priority	Detailed points
Ferry services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • especially Colonsay • provision for Colonsay and Jura generally below expectations
Affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holiday homes • lack of scope for new build • quality of rented housing – especially on Colonsay
Healthcare services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expectation that video conferencing should be available, but not always available on the mainland to receive calls • should be able to video conference to clinics, GPs and specialists – rated well by those who had used it • high cost of accessing care on the mainland (time and cash) • approaching retirement of Colonsay GP
Elderly care – supported accommodation and care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need respite and supported facilities – especially as the population is ageing
Leisure facilities for children and families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilities in schools could be used more • more variety would be could – e.g. travelling arts and sports events
Adult education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scope and provision not enough to meet demand
Better quality roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • particularly Islay and Jura
Childcare services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demand on Islay and Colonsay – no demand on Jura • long waiting lists – few registered childminders • access is biggest concern, rather than quality
Air travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • timing and cost of flights
Broadband	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • main problem is parts of Jura

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Health care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • integration of services • hospice provision • range of services
Water supply/sewage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high cost for emptying septic tanks • loch pollution from sewage • water quality
Roads and bridges	
Ferries and public transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • integrated bus and ferry • inconsistent ferry charges • parking at stations • more flexible transport to health appointments
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduced primary school teachers • less hours of primary school teachers • travel distance longer due to closure of local hostel caused by contamination
Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • limited facilities • poor waste disposal on caravan and lodge sites
Village shops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • village shop lacking • post office lacking • ATMs lacking
Affordable housing/council housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lack of public sector rented accommodation linked to homelessness • young people can't afford to buy
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mobile reception • TV reception
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visual impact of increased number of caravan and lodge sites