Center for welfare and health technology in North Iceland *(WelTec center/cluster)*

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The beginning and/or Forerunner's **VOPD support and motivation**

- Memaxi project since 2014
- Alfa, Saga, other e-health projects
- Application to VOPD for project support regarding distance spanning solutions (call 1 2018) – both Akureyri hospital and Ak-nursing homes
- One advisor for 2 projects Lisbeth Kjellberg senior advisor
- Developing and implementing distance

- Collaboration, learning about each others' projects
- VOPD Call 2 developing with support, our collaboration and sheared solution - cross sectional, institutional and multidisciplinary
- Sheard advisor, financial support, time for project work and encouragement to keep on implementing
- New project VEL-TECH cluster/center

About the project – VelTek

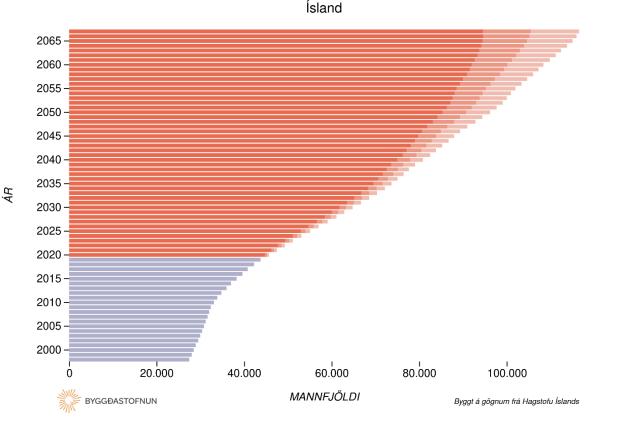
- Application to Eybing-association of municipalities in north east Iceland (NE), for a focus project in 2019 (<u>link to report</u>)
- Aim: To investigate the feasibility of a knowledge and a service center in welfare technology in NE
- **Reason:** the fourth industrial revolution, Iceland lies behind the other Nordic countries in the use/ implementation of welfare tech and electronic solution in social and health service, opportunities for NE, strengthening the quality of life of the population and the quality of service.

Frumskýrsla VELTEK Frumskoðun á stofnun velferðartæknimiðstöðvar á Norðurlandi

Styrkt af Sóknaráætlun Norðurlands Eystra

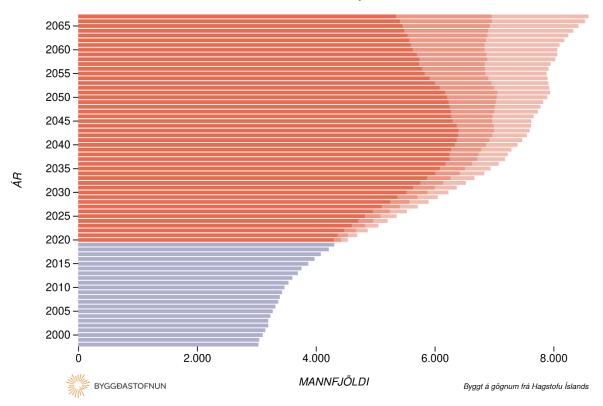
A view of the opportunities, age groups and covid experience (here the expected population 67 year and older)

Mannfjöldi 1. janúar - 67 ára og eldri



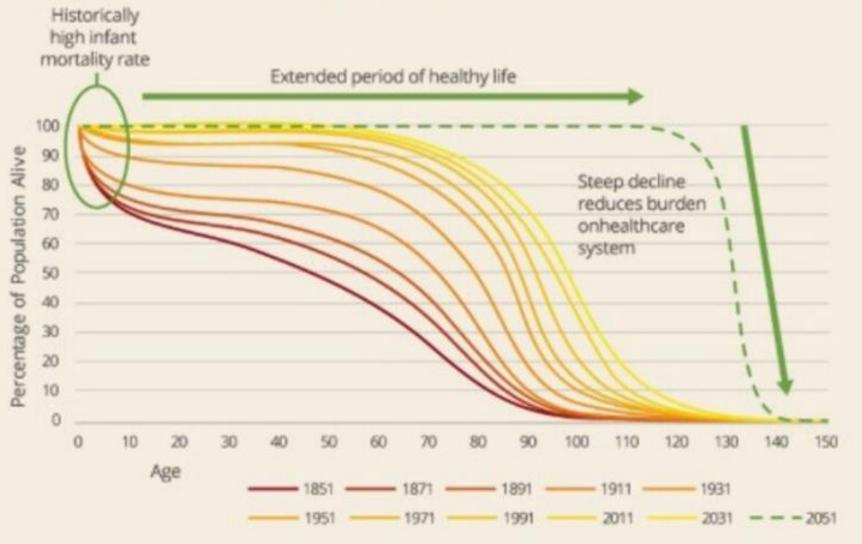
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Norðurland eystra



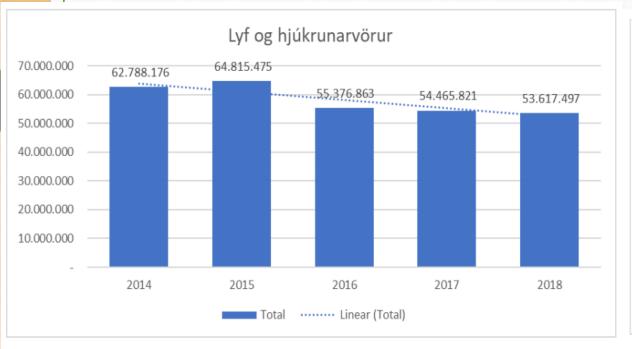
PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION ALIVE AT GIVEN AGE BY BIRTH YEAR

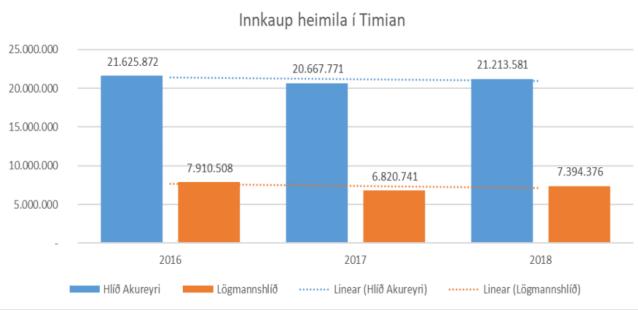
Increased life expectancy + repairs and spare parts delivered by the health system = extended period of healthy life, increased selfsufficiency and reduces the burden of the welfare service



Source: Office for National Statistics UK

Technology / smart tech, automation, information and awareness = changes and development in procedures, safety and quality



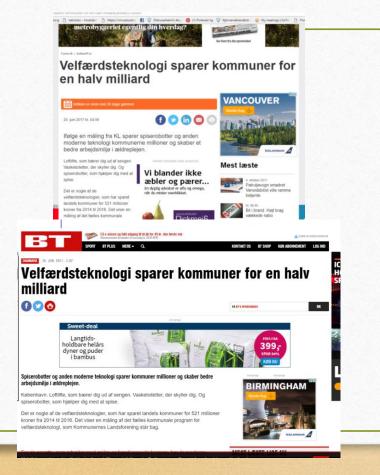


Mynd 5 Matarkostnaður rekstrareininganna í Hlíð og Lögmannshlíð

Mynd 10 Lyf og hjúkrunarvörur, heildarkostnaður

Increased quality and benefits in Danmark - DK 521 million = IS 8.692 million. ikr. in two years?

Magasinet Pleje



Nyheder Køb & Salg Job Udbud Kurser Virksomheder Messer **Byggeri** Ernæring Hiælpemidler Pleie Mes Vild besparelse med velfærdsteknologi 20. juni 2017 08:20 | Af /Ritzau/ | Tip redaktionen om en historie 00 Job Admin Modelfoto: Colourbox Spiserobotter og anden moderne teknologi sparer kommuner for Entrep en halv milliard og skaber bedre arbejdsmiljø i ældreplejen Tonde

Landets kommuner har fra 2014-2016 samlet set sparet 521 millioner kroner ved at implementere forskellige velfærdsteknologier i arbejdet med handicappede og ældre borgere.

Det viser en måling af det fælles kommunale program for velfærdsteknologi, som Kommunernes Landsforening står bag. Admin

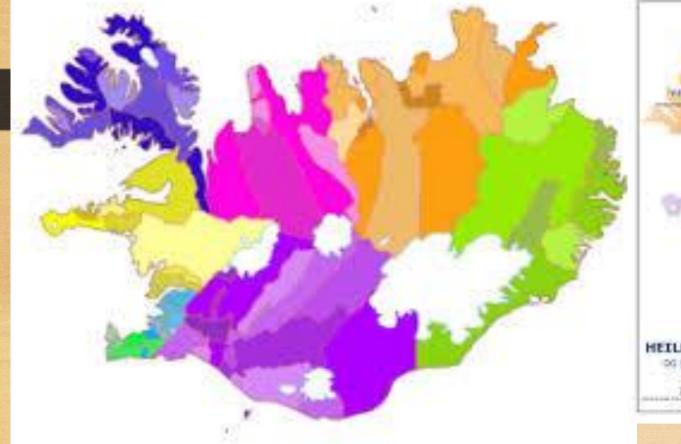
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Municipalities, health districts and social service areas and other area and zones and silo thinking





Welfare technology

- It's not about betting on technology to save money.
- It is about creating, developing, adapting and using technology to increase the quality of life and autonomy of individuals, families and society.
- Changing society, new and constant developments in technology and solutions,
- Focus on: Technology in works/on task Use people/manpower for the relationship and communication . **Empowerment**
- Environmentally friendly, real possibility and economical: See The experience of Covid, remote/distance health service
- Municipalities, institutions and between countries: we need to learn from each other and facilitate cooperation, between states, municipalities, institutions, systems...

Nordic priorities and cooperation projects

- Nordic welfare center
- Co-operation between ministries of health and social affairs.
- <u>CONNECT</u>
- <u>VOPD</u>
- Akureyri hospital, health center and Akureyri municipality
- ALFA
- MEMAXI

NEW VOPD WEBINAR SERIES: Technology use for Covid-19 response

Webinar 1: October, 15 9.00-10.30 CET Implemented distance spanning services in the Nordics

Niclas Forsling, Centre for Rural Medicine, Storuman, Sweden Bengt Andersson, Nordic Welfare Centre, Stockholm, Sweden

Healthcare and distance spanning solutions work – they help to protect our most vulnerable citizens.

Our publication of 24 practical examples shows how distance spanning services perform in real life. If citizens know about them, they can require and use them.

Our webinar will reveal these solutions to the broader public, as already today we can protect our most vulnerable citizens from unnecessary physical contacts and shield them from Covid-19 by just applying simple technology that is well-tested and already implemented.

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Suggestions and next steps

Target groups (main)

- The elderly
- Handicapped
- Relatives
- Long-term illness
- Mental health services
- People in rehabilitation
- Staff in charge of the above groups

Area of operation

- Northeast (31,000)
- Northwest (7,300)
- Iceland
- Artic Circle (Arctic)

Potential partners

- Municipalities in the area
- University of Akureyri
- SAK and HSN
- Private companies in the field
- Other municipalities
- Association of municipalities at home and abroad

- The Nordic Welfare Center
- The Nordic countries (municipalities and companies)
- Care.net in Denmark
- CCP a virtual reality company
- More....

Welfare technology and e-health cluster. New knowledge, new services and jobs, exports The model: ocean /seafood cluster in Iceland.

- Key figures for welfare technology companies and assistive technology manufacturers in Denmark:
- - Over 300 companies in assistive technology development and production.
- - A total of about 1,000 companies dealing with welfare technology as a whole (services, innovation, output).
- - ISK 93.8 billion in total revenue (2017).
- - ISK 25.8 billion in total contribution to Denmark's GDP (2016).
- - 3,600 employees in the general labor market (2017).
- - ISK 24 billion in exports.
- - Lots of small and medium-sized companies as well as Danish production companies.

Strengths:

- Extensive knowledge of remote/teleworking in the North.
- Powerful institutions in the area, e.g. HA, HSN and SAk.
- ÖA and HSN's experience in welfare technology.
- Technology companies in the North.
- Studies in the field of technology and care nursing, teaching, occupation, psychology, etc.
- Akureyri and Reykjavík have worked together in welfare technology and are the only municipalities that have systematically launched projects and worked on strategic planning.

Opportunity:

- Vision and age development.
- Staff strengthening.
- Development of knowledge in the area.
- New jobs job creation and new opportunities.
- Education and job development.
- Competitive and marketing opportunities.
- Welfare technology cluster in the North?

Ideas for the form of operation

- Co-operation between municipalities
- Cooperation with ministries, social, health, employment, innovation, regional affairs
- Creating a CLUSTER ??

- Grants (funds and ministries)
- Agreements (sv.fél)
- Initial contribution / annual fees (municipalities etc..)
- Service charges (at later stages, users and institutions)

Financial / operating plan for 2023 - example

Tekjur	2021	2022	2023
Samningar við sveitarfélög	17,250,000	17,250,000	24,250,000
Áskrift	1,980,000	3,100,000	6,000,000
Ráðgjöf og fræðsla	600,000	3,440,000	6,860,000
Annað	1,000,000	3,000,000	1,000,000
Samtals	20,830,000	26,790,000	38,110,000

For the first 2 years, we only expect contract payments with the founding municipalities, but in the third we expect to get more municipalities to cooperate. Other income is subscribing to a newsletter, consulting / education / analysis and holding conferences.

What's in it – gaining !

- Leading role in the field of welfare technology and e-health in the Arctic
- Knowledge base / dissemination and dissemination of information
- Network and contact
- Center for the area (the whole country)
- Job creation
- Collaborate and coordinate do better, meet uncertainty and new projects

- We believe that this report can help raise awareness of the much-needed welfare technologies in society.
- ... That all parties see an advantage in establishing a co-operation on a welfare technology center/cluster, which is at the same time a knowledge, information and service center.
- It is desirable that such a center can start operating as soon as possible.

Next step: Who and who wants and will be ... !!!

- The idea is here,
- The expected cost of the start is presented,
- The benefits are obvious, both in the short and long term
- The opportunity is here and could be like a well-known heavy industries
- To start the take-off you need a vision for the future, support, cooperation, solidarity and the regional / local authorities' flight permit

Discussion and questions

- In the last 10 years, Nordic municipalities have technologically developed their welfare services.
- Opportunities for social services have been defining their needs, focusing on innovation and the export sector, e.g. in Denmark
- Focus project at the Nordic Welfare Center (VOPD, Connect, Welfare technologi etc.)

- Unused opportunity in Iceland?
- What if the North Region in Iceland takes the lead in this field?
- The window is open now
- Interest, ingenuity, knowledge and collaboration opportunities...
- What do you think?