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### **Inter-Islands Committee invite Gibraltar's GHA to host Inter-Islands Nursing & Midwifery Annual Conference in 2009**

Four nurses from the Gibraltar Health Authority recently attended the Inter-Islands Nursing & Midwifery conference held in Guernsey. The delegation comprised Karen Norman, Eddie Holmes, Chris Chipolina and Genevieve Navarro. They submitted an abstract entitled "Past, Present and Future, the Gibraltar Story" and were delighted to learn that the conference committee had accepted their abstract for presentation at the conference.

The hour-long presentation included slides from archive photographs of Gibraltar and St Bernard's Hospital nursing staff who have served the GHA over many years. The photographs were used to explain to the audience the culture and health services specific to Gibraltar.

The presenters then detailed the developments and improvements in nursing practice arising as a consequence of the implementation of the GHA Strategy for Nursing and Midwifery. They gave examples of how this had led to a significant impact in improving the quality of nursing care. The results of a recent nursing quality audit which looked at the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of nursing care were outlined. The audience was extremely interested in the approach used by the GHA, with many questions being asked from other islands interested in adopting similar approaches to the measurement of nursing care.

The presentation concluded with a DVD showing nurses from across the GHA talking about innovative practices in their work which they had implemented in the last two years.

The Gibraltar delegates were honoured when the Inter-Islands Committee invited Gibraltar to host the conference in 2009. Preparations are currently underway for what promises to be another lively and informative conference in Gibraltar.