Nauru, Healthcare and Refugee Children

The Reality of practicing as a Doctor on Nauru

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Background

• Trained in UK

• 16 years in Royal Navy

• Active service in Kosovo, Persian Gulf, Afghanistan

• IHMS job advertised as FIFO with refugees
The Grey Areas

- Refugees are Responsibility of Government of Nauru
- 10 year residential visas
- Only transfer to Australia if life threatening illness…
Healthcare on Nauru

• RoN hospital
• OMR committee
• Asylum Seeker healthcare
Examples of Consequences

• Living Conditions
• Pregnant Women
• Family Separation
• ABF strategies
Effects of Detention

• Complex chronic trauma and childhood development

• Long term legacy of policy
How to Treat?

• Detention definitions

• Indefinite?

• MERG and difficulties faced

• Mental vs Physical health
Solutions?

- Journalists, Lawyers, Politicians or Doctors?
- MERG… but no LERG
- A Fresh Look at Operation Sovereign Borders
Questions?