INFORMAL CARE IN A CHANGING CONTEXT: IMPROVING COLLABORATION
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INTRODUCTION

Potential social network
Active social network
Informal caregiver(s)
Client
Volunteers
Citizen initiatives
Professional support

Expertisecentrum Mantelzorg (n.d.)
URBAN VITALITY RESEARCH PROGRAM

Aim: contribute to a city where people live healthy, care for each other and are able to (independently) participate in society.

Diversity and Informal care: Faculty of Health
Faculty of Social Sciences and Law

Aims:
- Insight into differences in experiences and needs in the collaboration of clients, informal caregivers, professionals;
- recommendations regarding competences on better cooperation of future professionals.
PHD1: ROLE OF DIVERSITY IN COLLABORATION

To understand and interpret the role of diversity within the collaboration between informal and formal care.

Focus on migrant caregivers / acquired brain injury

Qualitative mixed methods:
Systematic review
Community of Practice
Case studies – care networks
Learning platform professionals
PHD2: DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

About the views of informal carers on this division of responsibilities and how these views impact the idea of informal carers on cooperation with professionals.

Focus on a broad group of informal caregivers

Mixed methods:
Scoping review
Explanatory (quantitative) analysis, two datasets (N = 579 / N = 2600)
In-depth research (qualitative)
INTERCONNECTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS

- Intersectionality.

- Professionals positive about care; caregivers don’t feel supported. Other ideas about responsibilities.

- Discrepancies in experiences should be eliminated by dialogue and the creation of true partnerships.
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