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Denmark has a National strategy for dementia care. As a part of this is including testing the BPSD care program in five communities; Greve, Faxe, Hedenstedt, Copenhagen and Næstved. This mid-term evaluation is based on data from 2017.

The project.

The project started in January 2017 and will end in December 2018. It is financed by the Danish government and evaluated by COWI. In the project, 24 nursing homes is attending. A total of 698 persons with dementia are included this far and 1986 registrations are performed.

Results

This is the result of COWIs evaluation;

Reduced BPSD

There was a reduction of BPSD in all the five communities, in four of them it was significant.

Increased quality in life

Regarded quality in life, 85 % of the care worker and 96 % of the leaders, reported increased quality in life for the persons with dementia they cared for.

Person centred care and structure

Interventions to reduce BPSD are now individualised; person centred, and all the care workers are having the same goal. The IT-system makes the care structured and enable evaluation. It gives a clear picture of each caretaker's status.

Some quotes



The BPSD care program has made everyone think of what they are doing and why. We reflect more and have gained increased knowledge (leader)

It is very visually. That is good. You can see the progress, the history etc. You get a professional dialogue based on the screening (care worker)



Increased knowledge and reflection

To do the registration a multi professional teamwork is necessary. As a result of this teamwork the knowledge and reflection have increased.

Challenges

The evaluation determines that the leadership is crucial to implement the care program. This is a new way to perform dementia care and it is important that enough time is deposited from the start. It is also very important to encourage and to spread the results to all the staff members.