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Press release (Danish)

Ældre og deres voksne børns erfaringer med fænomenet pleje- og omsorgsansvar i primærsektor

Et nyt ph.d.-projekt fra Aarhus Universitet, Health og UCL University College, har undersøgt, hvordan kronisk syge, skrøbelige ældre 80+ og deres voksne børn oplever fænomenet pleje- og omsorgsansvar, når den ældre bor alene i eget hjem. Projektet er gennemført af Helle Elisabeth Andersen, der forsvarede afhandlingen den 18. december 2020.

Når ældre mennesker bliver boende længst muligt i eget hjem, bliver de ofte tiltagende afhængige af, at pårørende såsom voksne børn påtager sig et pleje- og omsorgsansvar. Dette kan ses som en konsekvens af, at det offentliges ansvar og tilbud indskrænkes, og mere pleje- og omsorgsansvar placeres hos de ældre og deres familier. Projektet undersøger, hvordan kronisk syge, fysisk skrøbelige ældre oplever at blive afhængige af hjælp fra deres børn, samt hvordan børnene oplever at udøve pleje- og omsorgsansvar for deres gamle far eller mor. Endvidere undersøges, hvordan de ældre og børnene oplever pleje- og omsorgsansvar udøvet af de sundhedsprofessionelle i primærsektor.

Forsvaret af ph.d.-projektet er offentligt og finder sted den 18/12 kl. 13-15 online via Zoom. Titlen på projektet er: Who cares? Caring responsibility from the perspectives of older, ill persons and their adult children in primary healthcare. Yderligere oplysninger og link til Zoom fås hos ph.d.-studerende Helle Elisabeth Andersen, e-mail: hean@ph.au.dk, tlf. +45 24964192.

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Press release (English)

Caring responsibility from the perspectives of older, ill persons and their adult children in primary healthcare

A new PhD project from Aarhus University, Health og UCL University College, investigated how older, ill and frail persons aged 80+ and their adult children experience the phenomenon of caring responsibility in the context of being cared for at home. The project was carried out by Helle Elisabeth Andersen, who is defending her dissertation on 18. December 2020.

As older persons seek to live out their years at home, informal caregivers like adult children are increasingly relied upon for support and wellbeing. This may be seen as a consequence of public responsibility becoming more narrowly defined, and more responsibility for care is placed on older persons in need of care and their families.

The project investigates how it is for persons aged 80+ living alone with chronic illness and physical frailty to be cared for by adult children, and how it is for adult children to care for their older, ill parent living alone with frailty. Furthermore, the project investigates how older persons and their adult children experience caring responsibility exercised by healthcare professionals in primary care.

The defence is public and takes place on 18/12 at 13-15 online via Zoom. The title of the project is Who cares? Caring responsibility from the perspectives of older, ill persons and their adult children in primary healthcare. For more information and link to Zoom, please contact PhD student Helle Elisabeth Andersen, email: hean@ph.au.dk, Phone +45 24964192.

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