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What is the quality of housing and housing support?

The National Board of Social Services puts focus on quality of the social psychiatry. But what is good quality in the efforts for citizens with mental health difficulties who live on housing or receive housing benefit? It is identified in two new literature studies.

The concept of recovery has largely come into focus in the efforts to provide housing and support for citizens in their own homes.

Mental difficulties are no longer considered chronic, but as a condition that one can get rid of with the right support and help. The cooperation between the citizens and the employees must be equal, and own understanding of the citizen of a meaningful and satisfying life, with or without symptoms, must be central to the effort.

Growing needs

In recent years, many municipalities have experienced that an increasing number of people with complex mental and social challenges need support. This puts pressure on social psychiatry and necessitates a focus on how we can best help the citizens to recover.

Based on recovery as an approach, the National Board of Social Services therefore focuses on how the quality of social psychiatry can be developed. But what is quality in the effort on housing and in housing support for people with mental health difficulties? This is examined in two new literature studies, which VIVE has prepared for the National Board of Social Services.

The literature studies describe several aspects of the concept of quality, based on quality model of the National Board of Social Services and the Danish Social Insurance Agency. Both studies also have a special focus on recovery and rehabilitation as well as on citizen involvement and inclusion.

Catalogue and landmarks

The two literature studies are part of the starting point for an intervention catalogue with descriptions of specific initiatives that can help to develop the quality of housing, and the preparation of a number of professional benchmarks for quality in housing support, which will be published in 2021.

[Literature study: Quality of housing](#)

[Literature study: Quality in housing support](#)

The National Board of Social Services currently has six sub-initiatives, all of which focus on developing a quality and competence boost of social psychiatry:

[See all the sub-initiatives on quality in social psychiatry](#)

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