
Keynote 1: Innovation and ICT use in home care for the elderly in Norway. Policy, status, challenges and conditions

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Abstract

Most developed countries have aging population and shrinking work forces. This is also the case for Norway. The introduction of welfare technologies has been seen as a means for the government to ensure elderly with health problems good quality of life also in the future when the number of elderly increases. Home care has received special attention, to day even more than before. Many different local welfare technology initiatives have evaluated positively, but level of uptake and usage is still relatively low in health and social care at home for elderly. This presentation discuss conditions and challenges in introducing welfare technologies in home care for the elderly in Norway: the design of and responsibility for health and social care to elderly in the country, i.e the system for health and social care, aspects of the social and cultural context and national health policy and guidelines.

Introduction

Professor Siri is a professor of Western Norway University of Applied Sciences. Her research includes Health and Welfare services; marginalized and vulnerable groups, mental health, homeless, substance abuse, poverty; elderly care - Housing for the elderly - policy, development and organization; dementia care; family care and so on. She has many research projects, Home based care to elderly with advanced cancer (Funding: Norwegian Cancer Society); an innovative ICT learning platform (DILP) for family caregivers (Funding: Regional Research Funds Eastern Norway) and so on.