Sustainable collaboration through local collaboration groups in the county of Uppsala.

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Short Background

In Sweden we have collaboration agencies to support collaboration in the area of work rehabilitation. Our aim is to support four agencies in their collaboration concerning work rehabilitation: Swedish public employment service, Swedish social insurance Office, The municipalities and the county council. The target group is individuals in need of coordinated services from two or more of the organisations involved in the coordination agency. This collaboration is voluntarily for the parts, but 240 out of 290 municipalites are involved in the agency. The agencies are mostly local, but for our, all municipalities in the region (=8) are involved. This means that we are one of the biggest in Sweden. The work is always performed by the agencies involved. Historically most work has been performed as different projects. However they have seldom been implemented in ordinary work even though sometimes successful.

To get closer to implementation and ordinary work the board has made a decision to start up a more sustainable work through eight local collaborating groups at local level,

Methodological approach

A model with local collaborating groups consisting of our four agencies at local level, Swedish public employment service, Swedish social insurance Office, The municipality and the County council Uppsala county. To every group there is a coordinator that should support collaboration when the adminstrators due to different reasons cant reach further in their processes together with a collaborating part. There is also sometimes a mort operative part included in the work; work coaches who should work on the individual level.

Short presentation of any major findings

Collaboration is complex and includes many perspectives on different levels. One part that is interesting to follow is whether the process is implemented as the work group which planned for this development is followed or wheter there will be a need for individual variations. Another interesting thing is to find out wheter this way to work is effective in getting the individuals back to work. We plan to evaulatue both the process as well as the results according to the individuals in collaboration with Uppsala university as well as work with a learning perspective.

Implementation for practice

If this model will work effectively the implementation will be quite easy since we mainly use ordinary workforce and ordinary structures to work within.