The ‘Lindsay Leg Clubs’: critical realist ethnographic evaluation of community wound care

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Abstract

The Lindsay Leg Club network is a collection of community organisations providing medical wound care for elder members of the community affected by problems of the lower leg and social support for dealing with feelings of stigmatisation and loneliness. Leg Clubs bring together NHS nurses, community volunteers and people with concerns about their leg health. Based on a psycho-social model of care elaborated by former district nurse Ellie Lindsay OBE, the Clubs have attracted phenomenological interest from healthcare researchers, but they remain an uncharted territory in organisation studies. This presentation reports on a critical realist ethnography of six UK Leg Clubs. The study used a realistic methodology developed by Pawson and Tilley (1997) to explain the emergence of positive social outcomes, well-recognised in phenomenological analyses, in a clearer way in terms of their generating contexts and mechanisms. For reasons of time, it focuses on a single outcome of ‘stigma alleviation’.

References


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