

2. Abstract

This master thesis aims to discover the organisation of cooperation between the staff of child and adolescent psychiatry and inpatient child and youth welfare. On a subordinate level this master thesis addresses not only encountered problems in the above mentioned collaboration but also changes to it which can improve the cooperation in the future. Furthermore this thesis exposes possible effects for all practical purposes due to these changes. In the context of a qualitative study twelve experts, six employees of child and adolescent psychiatry and six of inpatient child and youth welfare, were interviewed. The results and the analysis show that the organisation of cooperation strongly depends on the motivation of the staff and the institution. Cooperation agreements exist only occasionally and an interchange usually proceeds case-oriented. Conflicts in regarding the collaboration particularly emerge on the organisation level. They can be attributed to structural terms. The main challenge of the cooperation are situations of crisis, which can be rarely solved conflict-free. A successful cooperation needs trust, appreciation and interest in the other field of work. An improved cooperation means better care for the children and adolescents in both systems. To improve the cooperation between child and adolescent psychiatry and inpatient child and youth welfare facilities, these institutions need to be interviewed. As a result, the cooperation strategies of these institutions could be examined to learn from them and to transfer them to other facilities.