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Lessons learned about integrating multisectorial collaboration agreements

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This contribution will make a cross comparative analysis of research done in innovation strategies in elderly care, mental health care and chronic care in Belgium. The aim of this analysis is to better understand which factors hamper or facilitate multisectorial collaboration in order to enhance integrated care (on the organisational level). The added value of a cross comparative analysis of innovation paths in different sectors, is that it allows for identifying idiosyncratic issues in certain care domains, but more importantly, transversal barriers and facilitating or hampering factors regardless of the health or social issue that is being addressed.

The contribution is grounded in empirical process evaluation research (realist evaluation) of a number of recent Belgian initiatives to enhance integrated care. Contentwise, the contribution relies on theoretical insights from health system approaches, interorganisational network literature and institutional field studies.

The cross comparative analysis will lead to a number of lessons to be taken on board when trying to enhance integrated care activities. These lessons will be discussed against the background of existing theoretical debates on multisectorial collaborations and integrated care.

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