

Abstract

The master thesis deals with the quality of care provided to people with dementia and their informal carers. The aim is to compare health care and social services for this group of patients in two countries - the Czech Republic and the Netherlands. The first part defines the dementia syndrome, its diagnosis, symptoms, treatment and management of dementia. This is followed by the topic of palliative and hospice care and euthanasia. The thesis also includes the concept of long-term care, which is purposely limited in this thesis to only that part which is provided either by a health service provider or by a social service in the patient's/service user's home environment. The next section refers to laws, regulations and policy documents that relate to the topic of care for people with dementia. The last part of the theoretical definition of this thesis describes the health and social service system in the Netherlands, including reference to strategic documents that shape the care of people with dementia and their informal carers. The empirical part includes the elaboration and analysis of qualitative research, which I conducted through interviews directly with informal carers.