

Abstract

This thesis deals with hospital social workers' (HSWs) needs in the Central Bohemian Region. The thesis aimed to map the (professional) needs of HSWs and provide material for systemic action. The evaluation was based on data obtained from interviews with 20 hospital social workers in central Bohemian hospitals providing both acute care, aftercare, and long-term care. The results indicated the conflicting position of HSWs in the context of professional balancing on the border of health and social issues. In conclusion, recommendations are formulated on how to improve the position of HSWs and bridge systemic gaps.