

## **Care system part**

The purpose of data collection in the care system part is to follow continuously the long-term care and health care that the older population receive and to register various factors that are of importance to the allocation of the provisions.

The data collected is to be used as input for planning, resource allocation and evaluation of the care and medical services for the older adults. In addition, the data collected is used in research and development work on issues related to care and medical services. One important aspect is that the connection between the population and care system parts of the SNAC-study provides an opportunity for comparison between those who do and those who do not receive public-financed care and medical services.

### **Registration**

Registration in the care system part concerns in principle all changes in the provision of long-term care of those persons who live within the area in question and who are 65 and older. This means registration for each new provision decision, including the discontinuation of provisions and with the exception of those that have only been provided with alarm or food distribution. The information is collected on a monthly basis.

To the data that is acquired in the registration of long-term care services, information is then added on an individual level concerning acute health care services in outpatient and inpatient care. The collation of various data sources assumes the consent of the registered persons (see below). Permits to conduct the registration have been obtained from the research ethics committee at the respective universities.

When registering in the various areas, use is made of a survey protocol, that has been worked out in cooperation between the constituent sub-projects in the SNAC-study. The protocols concur with each other in all major respects, which means that it is possible to make various comparisons between care of the older adults and the participating areas.

### **Survey protocol**

Apart from information on the submitter of the information and the form for collection, the protocol contains:

– personal data

(personal identity no, origins from outside the Nordic area, where relevant, civil status, living alone/in a partnership, etc. )

In those cases where people are living in partnerships, a registration is made whether even the partner receives long term care from the local authority or County Council.

– surrounding factors

– personal care dependence

– need for special care provision

– provision decided in accordance with SoL (Social Service Act)

– provision decided in accordance with LSS (Support and Service to People with Functional Impairments Act)

– ongoing efforts in accordance with the HSL (Health and Medical Care Act)

### **Data collection**

Data collection in the care system part is performed primarily by the permanent staff in the municipality or local authority and county council. In one area – Kungsholmen

– some of the collection takes place with the help of specially employed personal. As can be seen from above, the collation of individual information presupposes the informed consent of the registered individuals.