

Take Away

Disinvestment of established methods when implementing new psychosocial interventions for homeless people and people with mental health problems

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Initial Research Questions & hypothesis

H: Abandoning institutionalised or otherwise well-established ways of working is important when introducing new methods

RQ1: What factors influence how established working practices are phased out, in whole or in part?

RQ2: What factors influence how established working practices are maintained, in whole or in part?



Using the implementation of
Housing First (HF) and
Individual placement and
support (IPS) as examples

Trying to find examples of disinvestment –
None were found!

De-implementation – A blind Spot?

What did we find?

- Stealthy structures generating inequality and counteracting the core values of HF and IPS when implemented
- The need of ongoing and combined implementation and de-implementation, monitoring implementation with a de-implementation mindset

Inequality generating structures

- External - analyzed using Tilly's categorical inequality, Implementation Structures, and Institutional logics
- Internal – analyzed using Tilly's categorical inequality, Institutional logics, and organisational inertia

Durable Homelessness: From Negotiations to Emulation

(Carlsson Stylianides, K., Denvall, V., Knutagård, M 2021)

- Municipal Social Work with Homelessness generating Durable Homelessness and Inequality

How?

- Landlord pressure (exploitation)
- Social Services incorporating Landlord categorical divide of service users (emulation)

Implementation Structures

(Carlsson Stylianides, K.,
Bejerholm, U., Denvall, V.,
Knutagård, M., Johanson, S., 2022)

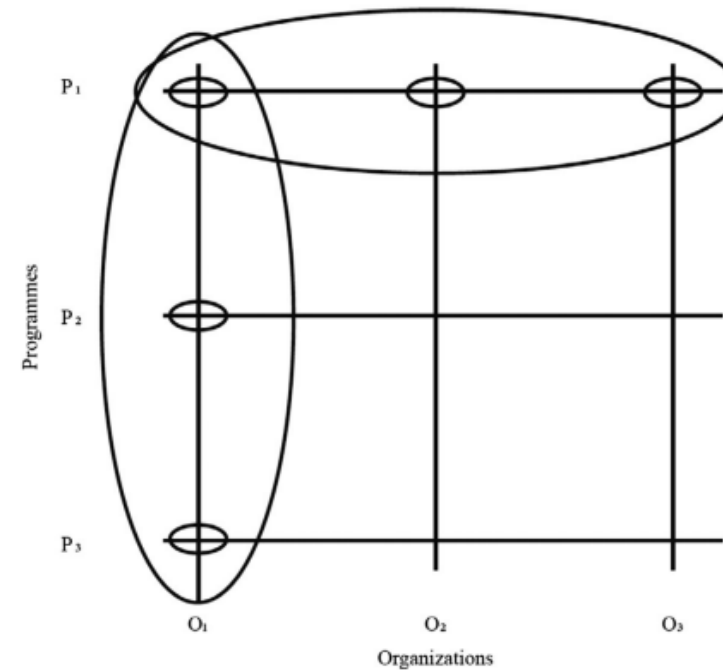
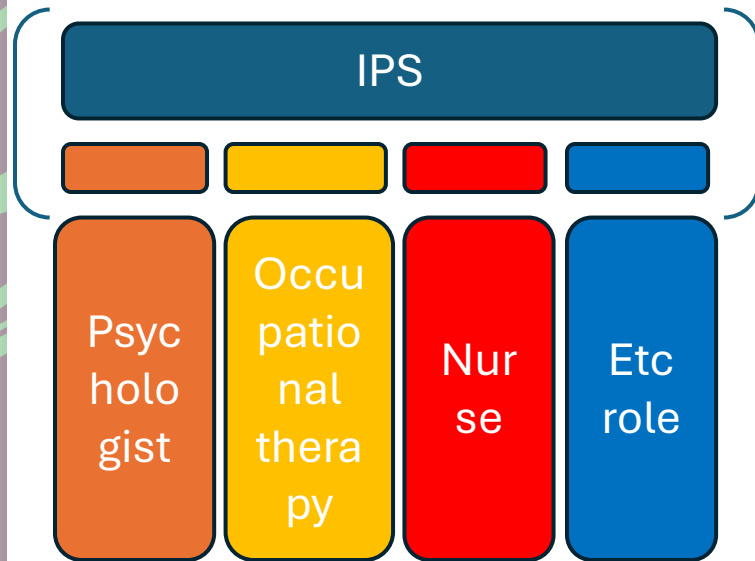


FIGURE 1 Hjern and Porter's matrix of relationships between organisations and programmes (1981, p. 217; illustration by Alexander Knutagård)

Organisational Inertia



Institutional logics

Organizational principle(s) framing perceived possibilities of action

Carlsson Stylianides, K., (2025), et al Omställning pågår – IPS vänligen vänta! [Conversion in progress! IPS please wait!]

Monitoring implementation with a de-implementation mind-set?

(Carlsson Stylianides et al 2025,
Carlsson Stylianides et al
submitted)

- Identify, highlight, problematize (experiment...)
- Where, when, how, and by what function(s) is inequality reproduced in these implementation processes?

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