

Even in a society such as Denmark with a ‘universal’ care regime that acknowledges the social risks of long-term caring and extends the formal care system with individual rights and a reduction of family responsibilities, carers are an at-risk group for financial, physical and mental problems due to their caring duties. The Corona crisis will further affect this vulnerable status, as both formal and informal care are under pressure. In collaboration with my colleague Siobhan O’Dwyer (University of Exeter, UK) and Bente Hoeck (SDU), I have developed a research project that aims to document, in real time, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on family carers in Denmark and the UK.

The project ‘**Caring in times of Corina**’ / *Omsorg i tider med Corona* aims to document carers’ experiences, and their capacity to adapt to these rapidly changing circumstances during the Corona crisis. We hope that the project can help to inform the development of policy and practice, in conjunction with other research taking place in Denmark and around the world. Colleagues from Sweden have expressed interest in the project; hence, there might be data from Sweden as well to compare.

The project’s objectives are: (1) Understand how carers are coping during the pandemic; (2) Explore the impact of changes in policy, legislation, and health and social care provision on the caring roles and physical and emotional wellbeing of family carers; and (3) Identify new models of social and community support for carers that have arisen by necessity during the pandemic. A small sample of carers ($N=12$ to 20) will be invited to participate. Each week, each carer will participate in a short, one-to-one interview with a researcher (max. 30min) or create a 30-minute video blog (Vlog). We would like to follow the selected carers for at least 4 weeks (even if restrictions are lifted), or until the end of the restrictions (maximum 12 weeks).

We are looking for people who are:

- Aged 18 or over;
- Living in Denmark;
- The primary care provider of an elderly person, or caring for a child, or adult with a long-term illness or disability.

In order to participate in this study:

- The illness/disability and the caring role must have been established before March 2020.
- They must be able to hold a conversation in Danish or English.

- They must be willing and able to participate in an interview by phone or on a digital video platform such as Zoom, Skype, FaceTime or WhatsApp (Zoom is our preferred platform).

We would like to reach out to you to help us find potential participants to our study. If your organisation can disseminate information about research to their members, we would like to provide you with some information to do so.

Today, we have been granted Ethical approval from the University of Southern Denmark to conduct the study. If you could support our project, we would be very grateful. We will provide you with information that you can send to your members. If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

All information provided and interviews will be in Danish. As I am not as fluent in Danish, I am writing you in English.

Thank you very much, best wishes, Astrid