

Summary

The bachelor thesis *Palliative care for people with mental disabilities / History and direction, possibilities in the Czech Republic* deals with the situation of people with mental disabilities in the terminal stage of their lives, especially in residential social services. Emphasis is placed on meeting the need for communication in non-traditional ways, supported decision-making at the end of life, including passing on and receiving bad news, and meeting spiritual needs. The theoretical part defines the issue of people with mental disabilities at the end of life from a historical point of view, followed by a part devoted to the current direction in Europe. Another of the chapters discusses the research currently being conducted on the topic of communicating bad news and the current possibilities in the Czech Republic.

The practical part is based on qualitative research. It brings the results of a questionnaire survey examining the situation of palliative care in social care institutions (hereinafter DOZP) and the results of interviews with representatives of mobile and stone hospices.

The results points to the insufficient systematic anchoring of palliative care in social care institutions and the need for fundamental changes aimed at ensuring that the ability of people with mental disabilities to live and die in a place they have long considered their home and to ensure that the availability of quality palliative care is not based on personal maturity of management and individual employees of residential social services only.