

## **Abstract**

This thesis focuses on addiction treatment research in the Czech Republic, with an emphasis on the use of paid and unpaid services. Its main goal is to identify the factors influencing the use of these services by the participating respondents and to gain a deeper insight into this issue through their experiences. The topic of private addiction treatment services in the Czech Republic is currently shrouded in considerable uncertainty, as there is not enough information and knowledge available. The issue of excessive alcohol consumption in the Czech Republic and the lack of capacity in existing facilities emphasize the urgency of raising awareness of all available services.

The theoretical part of the work defines addiction and distinguishes types of addictive substances. It focuses more on defining the treatment of addiction to addictive substances and describes the interventions and approaches that are commonly applied as part of the treatment. It also deals with addiction services in the Czech Republic and their integration into the system of services provided. Factors important for treatment are also an essential part, which subsequently serve as a basis for the empirical part of the work.

The empirical part describes the methodology of the conducted research and then interprets the obtained data. As part of the research, semi-structured interviews were carried out with clients of both types of services, where the experiences of clients from residential facilities for the treatment of addiction and their views on the use of the given service were ascertained. The results of the investigation identify the factors influencing the use of these services and describe the experiences of the respondents. The main goal of this section is to contribute to a deeper understanding of the preferences and needs of clients in the field of addiction treatment in the Czech Republic.

## **Keywords**

addiction treatment, addiction services, client with addiction, addictive substances, paid services