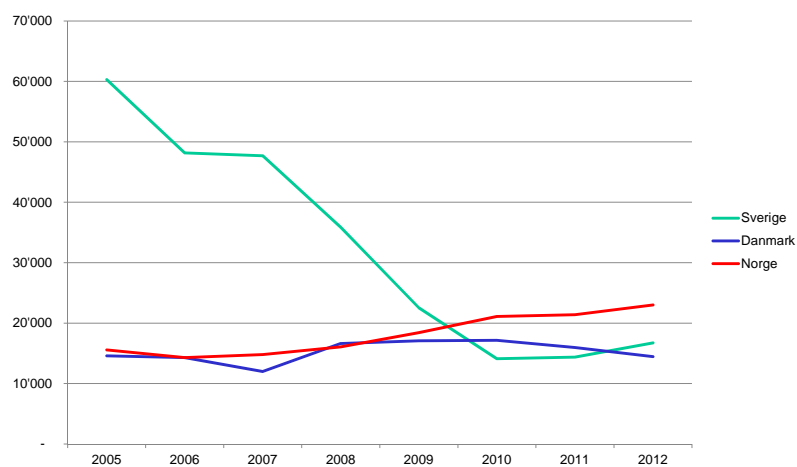


The Rise and Fall in Disability Claimants - The Danish Case

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Number of new recipients before the Danish reform



The Flex Job Scheme



The 2013-reform

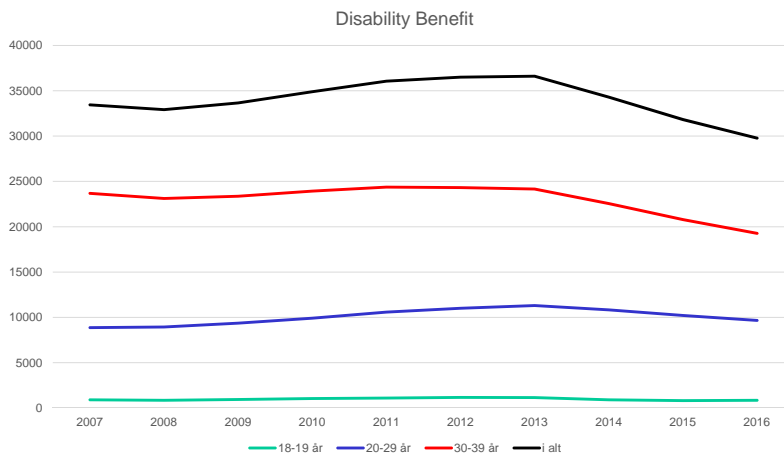
- **Resource Proses**
 - If under 40 the claimant cannot obtain disability benefit and are instead granted a resource process
- **Flex Job**
 - If the claimant is in subsidized employment
- **Education Benefit**
 - Given to a person under 30 with no education. The claimant is imposed to start education
- **Unemployment Benefit**
 - If eligible to a flex job but not in one the claimant receives unemployment benefit

Stakeholders and implementation

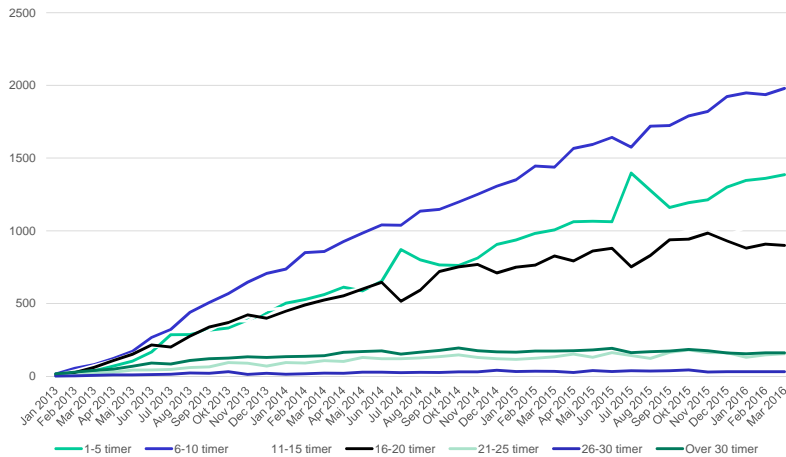
Jobcentres the main stakeholder

- Jobcenters must find new ways to work with employers and social partners and private actors to get these clients out in real work trials in real work places
- Different parts of the municipality must work closer together and work in close coordination with the health system
- Doctors (the hospital doctors as well as the GPs) must have more focus on the possibilities of returning to work also during treatment
- Clients and jobcenters must have less focus on disability pension and more focus on returning to or entering the labour market for people with mental illness

Effects of the reform – disability recipients



Effects of the reform – the flex job scheme



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What have we learned?

- It takes time to implement a new paradigm changing reform
- Motivating potential disability claimants is key
- Mental health problems not necessarily permanent handicaps
- Hard to change the view of pension as the only way forward

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2013-reform – success or failure?

- Fewer people are receiving disability benefits
- More people find employment in the flex job scheme
- Need of new reforms?
- Sufficient results?

Further information about the Danish Case

- For further information about the Danish Case
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- Thank you for listening