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Reviewing the establishment of Taiwan's integrated care system in community from the perspective of integrated care development context***

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Abstract

This article reviewed the United Kingdom and Japan's integrated care system development. These case studies indicate that the government must strengthen its community care capacity to provide a high-quality care system. The social care service of Taiwan is managed by the social administration, and health care is managed by the health administration. However, both systems have been affected by the longterm care policy. An integrated system could prevent care resource waste and increase benefits for care recipients. The present article argues that improving people's ability to be involved in the care integration process can achieve the "People-oriented" and "Holistic Health Care" goals. Furthermore, increased environmental support may encourage the public to notice and practice personal health responsibilities. Therefore, in Taiwan, more structural consideration should be placed on the development of an integrated system on the community side at this policy beginning stage.

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