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Research / dissertation project	
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Subject / title of the project Older peoples own experiences in everyday life at home and in sheltered housing for older people, and a change when moving from home into sheltered housing	
Scientific importance The purpose of this narrative study is to highlight older people's own perspective	
Practical relevance The research will provide practical information on older people's everyday needs, welfare, and that hampered productive things at home and living in service housing, as well as on moving into sheltered housing. Welfare services organizations can perhaps utilise this information in the future.	
Main thesis The older people are a very heterogeneous group with different needs and coping strategies. The best information is available for older people themselves.	
Research methodology This narrative study is based on the analysis of the phenomenology and hermeneutics and creative, reflective thinking. Phenomenological investigation shows the narrator's experience in their own words and relationship with their own lives and reality tells you something about the general subject.	
Key words the elderly living at home, moving into sheltered housing, experience, narrative, agency, sociocultural perspective	
Most relevant literature Bruner, J.1986. Actual Minds Possible Worlds; Hatch J.A. & Wisniewski, R. (ed.): Life History and Narrative; Kenyon, G. Clark, P. & de Vries B. (ed.): Narrative Gerontology, Theory, Research, and Practice; Tulle, E. (ed.) 2004. Old age and agency.	
Key finding (if already existing) The study consist of four different operator's reports. By examining the relationship between different actors operating environment, we can find ways to maintain their own agency and support the necessary services for their survival and for an active life as long as possible.	