Appendix 1: Overview of recommendations

Define clear aims, objectives and evaluation criteria – together

Co-create *with* patients and next of kin rather than *for* them. Define common goals early on and establish a process for evaluation and follow-up.

2 Confront power imbalances

Good collaboration is based on a balance of competencies that complement each other. Discuss early on which perspectives are valued and how they are valued. Be open to the fact that some or all of the parties involved might have a need for skills development.

Communicate to build trust and confidence

Clear and transparent communication is an essential component of collaboration. Reflect on the purpose of the communication and how it can be adapted to the wishes and needs of different stakeholders.

Create conditions for remuneration and

representativity

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A remuneration model must be in place and agreed upon before any cooperation is initiated. It is also important to create conditions enabling the right level of representativity for the collaborative initiative in question.

Build a long-term structure for collaboration

Short-termism makes successful collaboration impossible. A long-term and flexible structure for collaboration, for example in the form of processes, IT systems, allocated working time, budget, management systems and adapted leadership, is necessary for sustainable collaborative work.

⁶ Share positive and negative experiences and learn from others

Create conditions for continuous learning and for lessons to be passed on beyond the partners. Avoid reinventing the wheel by learning from the experiences of others and using existing knowledge resources.

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