

NAV admits supporting controversial study

I have been in contact with Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration (NAV) several times and asked about their approach to the alternative method Lightning Process.

I have asked questions about psychologist Nina Andresen's course for supervisors and for clients with CFS/ME. I have asked about NAV's role in [the study](#) where ME patients are to be treated with Lightning Process.

NAV stated in February that «We in the Directorate of Labour and Welfare are not aware that NAV provides any form of support for the project in question. It is not known to us which municipalities or NAV offices may be involved and, if so, in what way. As described in previous correspondence with you, it is very difficult to imagine that this will in any way be linked to NAV's use of measures and means" and further that «We have not been in dialogue with Landmark».

In connection with the projects application for ethical consent – where it is claimed that NAV has a practical role in the project, I asked NAV again in August. NAV once again denied being involved:

"As previously mentioned, this is not a project the directorate is aware of that NAV supports in any way. It also does not appear in the project application that NAV will have an active role in this project. According to the application, the data used is register data from NAV. We therefore have no further comments to this."

Read more here: [NAV once again denies having an active role in controversial studies](#)

On September 4th the Directorate of Labour and Welfare contacted me and admitted having given me incorrect information:

"We have been made aware of that someone in the Directorate of Labour and Welfare has in fact had occasional contact with several partakers who has established the research project you are referring to. Inadequate communication between departments within NAV has unfortunately led to us giving you an incorrect presentation of NAV / the Directorate of Labour and Welfare's contact with and relationship to this project. " - and further that "We regret that we have previously given you incorrect information."

The information about this - which NAV asks me to mention here, is so diffuse that I have asked NAV to answer several questions - both about their role in the LP study, and also about Andresen's course. NAV has so far given unclear answers that I have asked them to elaborate, but today they inform me that:

For information: Nina Andresen is a.t.m. on leave from her position here.

I will be back with more information as soon as I can.

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