# **KEEP IT SMALL, KEEP IT SIMPLE**

transforming neighbourhood care - Buurtzorg Overview



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# **BUURTZORG QUICKSCAN**

social healthcare community nursing



330 mln € turnover natural growth 12.000 employees, 80.000 clients / y

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10th anniversy 2017

## 25 YEARS AGO

- New Public Management !!
- From Patients to Customers
- The nurse became a Human Resources
- Economy of Scale, proces redesign



# **RESULTS POLICY ON HOMECARE 2006**

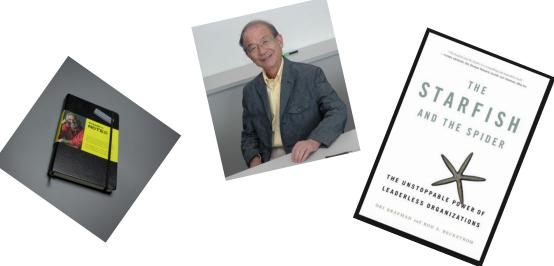
- Fragmentation of cure, care, prevention
- Standardization of care-activities
- *Lower* quality / *higher* costs and wrong incentives: delivering *much* care against *low* cost is profitable
- Big *capacity problems* due to demographic developments
- Information on costs per client/outcomes: none!
- Clients confronted with *many* caregivers
- Professionals were very *unhappy*



# JOS DE BLOK



- Strong vision on holistic care
- We puzzled about a concept:
  - Scalable
  - Attracting good nurses
  - Less management BS



# **START BUURTZORG 2007**

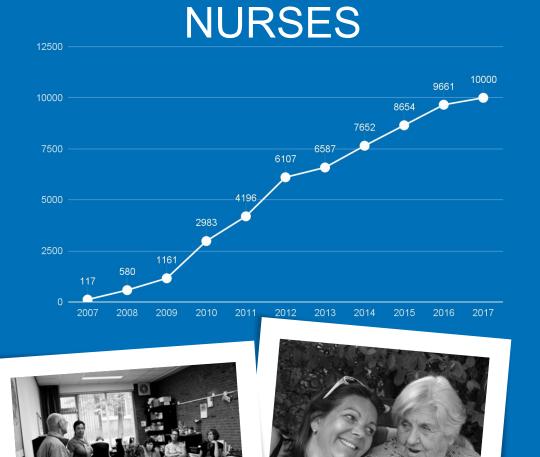
Starting an organization and care delivery model for community care with:

- independent teams up to 12 nurses
- Working in a neighborhood of 5.000-10.000 people
- Teams responsible for the organization and the complete process



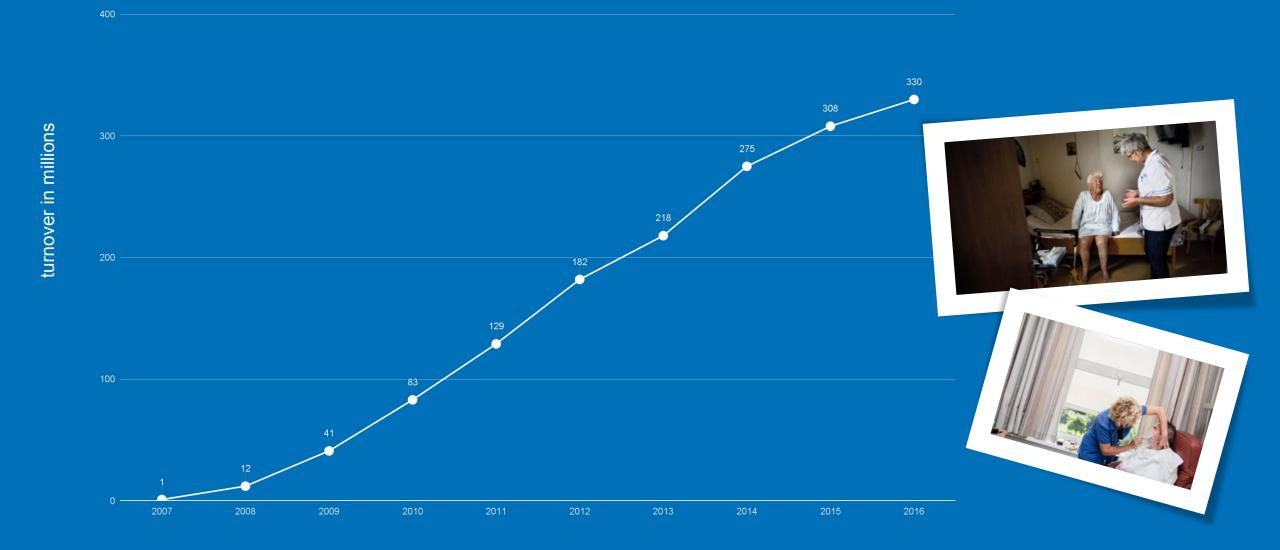
# BUURTZORG 2007 - 2017





50 - 100 new nurses a month
80.000+ patients a year

# TURNOVER GROWTH



# EMPLOYEES

🗖 Verpleegkundigen en verzorgenden 📮 Coaches 📮 Backoffice 🗖 Directie

10.000

50

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# AND MORE...

- Patient satisfaction: 9
- Employee satisfaction: 9
- 5 times best employer of the year
- Overhead 8%
- 1200 new colleagues a year



## WHAT WE DO

- Performance monitoring
- Procurement & following new legislation/regulation
- Learning from trends, discussions. (Knowledge System)
- Stimulating innovation & learning
- Coaching 'on demand'
- Quality System
  - Focus on what nurses should do, not on how nurses should do that
  - Roles and activities
  - Buurtzorg academy

# WHAT WE DON'T DO

- No strategy meetings. In fact, no structured meetings at all....
- No policy making
- No (team)budgeting
- No formalized management of...
  - Customer relations
  - Supply chain
  - Human resources
  - Communication or Public Relations

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## DEEP DIVE

- More about
  - Coaching
  - IT & Backoffice
  - Quality Assurance
  - (Social) Communication
  - 0...
  - 0
  - Whatever !!



# **ABOUT IMPLEMENTING**

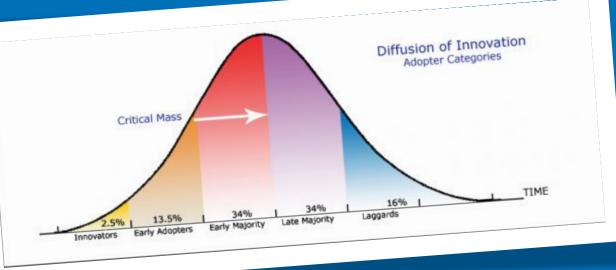


'It's a nice story but It's impossible to change existing organisations'

## OFTEN HEARD...

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- We want best of both worlds.
- Easy job. Just fire the managers and tell the teams they are in charge now.
- It can be done without restructuring the back office.
- It won't work, it's just a hype.

- Our people aren't suited for self organizing, we've got the wrong ones...
- Start with the innovators and the early adopters !
- Yes, in the end you've got a problem with the Laggards...



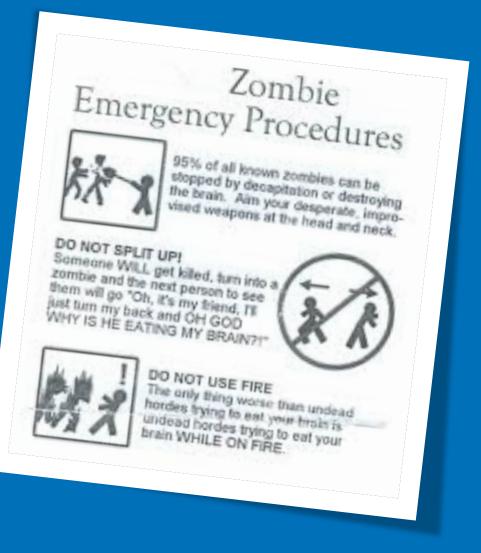
- We want best of both worlds. (Let's manage self organisation)
  - You can't manage the new direction.
  - You can only serve, guide and cut complexity.



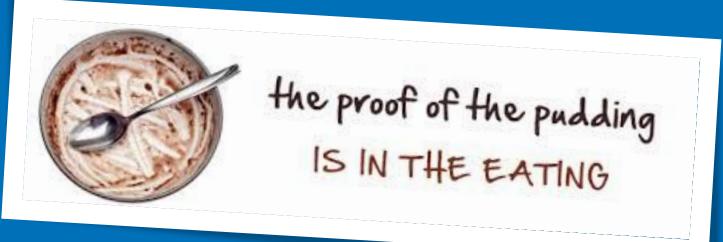
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  - You've got to work hard if your culture isn't social. And you can't schedule a culture change...
  - Most difficult part is restructuring the 'backoffice' (PR, HRM, FM, etc...)
  - It's not anarchy, you need a clear framework
  - Think of a Proof of Concept with a Minimal Viable Back office



- It can be done without restructuring the back office.
  - Not true! Cutting complexity, redesigning processes and delete the right protocols and procedures is hard work!



- It won't work, it's just a hype
   We'll see...
- Avoid too much theory.



# HANKYOU FOR Your Attention