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Germany's mental health care reform was slow and half-hearted, yet the resources for mental health care increased steadily and - overshadowed by the still existing large institutions - led to better community mental health care. Lately, in several model regions, these resources can be diverted from hospital care to the community. Home-treatment, flexible day-hospital services and community outreach flourish in the model regions and result in higher treatment satisfaction, lower rehospitalisation rates and, hopefully, less coercion. With more user-participation this can lead to substantial improvements in the response to crises.