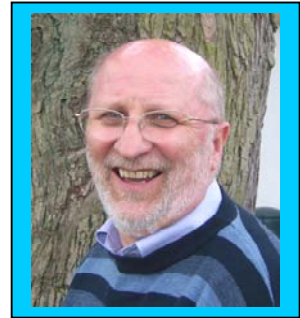




A summary report from the Chairman outlining the activities of your executive committee.



A summary of the issues which the Executive of the AHPCC has in its current workload:

1. Membership : Currently stands at 141
2. Communication : The Executive has been reviewing its contact with its membership and its working liaison with AG at Help the Hospices. This has been most beneficial and has already led to an increase in confidence re communication issues among our membership and with the Executive
3. The AHPCC website : The website - www.ahpcc.org.uk – has been revamped and is now regularly updated and is more user-friendly. The website also makes current news and information available to members, including the recently published “Healthcare Chaplains' Research Review - *The Potential for Efficacy of Healthcare Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Provision in the NHS (UK)*” - available from www.mowatresearch.co.uk .
4. Newsletter : Having made a decision last year to discontinue a printed newsletter, the newsletter editor now prepares an on-line newsletter which is made available by e-mail to all members 4 times a year – or more frequently should the need arise. The current issue can also be accessed via the website, as can copies of previous editions. The editor can be contacted at editor@ahpcc.org.uk.
5. The AHPCC annual conference : Entitled “Here’s Hoping...”, the AHPCC annual conference takes place in Swanwick from 19-21 May, and will contain a variety of ways of exploring the place of hope in palliative care.
6. Networking : AHPCC Executive members continue to be involved in developmental aspects of Healthcare Chaplaincy throughout the UK, including the Multi-faith Group on HealthCare Chaplaincy (MFG), The Chaplaincy Academic and Accreditation Board (CAAB), and the working group for Competencies and Capabilities for Healthcare Chaplaincy in Scotland (under NES).
7. Professional issues : The President of the AHPCC meets regularly with the leads of the other professional chaplaincy organisations within the UK to explore issues of mutual concern - such as moves towards professional registration. The AHPCC is also in communication with Mike Penning MP who heads up the all parliamentary group on healthcare chaplaincy.
8. Contact : The main-office bearers can be contacted via the links on the website, and, for further information on the matters outlined above, you can make contact with me at president@ahpcc.org.uk.

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