

Chaplaincy Leadership Forum

Update: 18 September 2013

The following people met through a conference call on 2 September 2013 to continue discussions with NHS England:

- Mark Burleigh (President, College of Health Care Chaplains CHCC; Head of Chaplaincy, Leicester),
- Judy Davies (President, Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains AHPCC; F/T hospice chaplain, Sue Ryder, Duchess of Kent Hospice, Reading)
- Derek Fraser (Chairperson, UK Board of Healthcare Chaplains UKBHC; Lead Chaplain, Addenbrookes) (apologies given at the 12 September meeting)
- Mia Hilborn (Head of Spiritual Health Care, Guy's and St Thomas'; Chair)
- Debbie Hodge (Chief Officer, Multi-Faith Group for Healthcare Chaplaincy MFGHC),
- Chris Swift (Chair, Health Care Chaplaincy Appointment Advisers; Head of Chaplaincy Services, Leeds)
- Habib Naqvi (Senior Equality Manager, **NHS England**)
- Ranjit Senghera (Senior Manager Equalities & Health Inequalities, **NHS England**)

There was a second conference call meeting on 12 September which did not include the NHS England representatives to look at the feedback that has been received from chaplains. This meeting was also joined by Malcolm Brown of the Church of England Mission and Public Affairs MPA.

A wide ranging discussion took place at both meetings with the following conclusions:

2 September meeting:

- The NHS England representatives will join in the monthly meetings/conference calls of the Chaplaincy Leadership Forum.
- The Chaplaincy Leadership Forum will arrange extra meetings to discuss the feedback from chaplains that has been received.
- The meeting planned for 12 September with Professor Field has been cancelled as he is now moving to another role. Ranjit Senghera will arrange another meeting date in November for the Chaplaincy Leadership Forum to meet with her NHS England team.
- NHS England have requested that the Chaplaincy Leadership Forum work to oversee the revision of the 2003 chaplaincy guidelines (http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4062016) and are providing £10k to facilitate the work. They would like the work completed by 1 April 2014. There are political drivers to get this work done¹.
- A senior chaplain has been asked to lead on this work on the revision of the guidelines. This will involve wide consultation.
- Derek Fraser agreed to oversee the Data Protection part of the revision.
- It was agreed to release monthly updates after each meeting with NHS England to all stakeholder bodies, members and chaplains.

12 September meeting:

- There is a continued need to communicate the fact that the MFGHC is not representing chaplaincy, but acting as a point of contact for the wider chaplaincy stakeholder bodies on the Chaplaincy Leadership Forum.
- It was agreed to invite the chair of the Task Group of the Mental Health Chaplains Resource Group within the College (MHRG) to join the Chaplaincy Leadership Forum.
- It was agreed to produce Terms of Reference for the Forum.
- It is important to produce regular updates to working chaplains.
- It is important to schedule the meeting with the NHS England team that was postponed.

¹ The political drivers that were cited include the need to incorporate into the Guidelines various changes in legislation since 2003 - for example the Equality Act.

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