

Chaplaincy Leadership Forum

Update: 12 November 2013

The following people met through a conference call on 7 November 2013 to continue discussions with NHS England:

- Richard Allen, Chair of the CHCC Mental Health Task Group
- Mark Burleigh, President, College of Health Care Chaplains (CHCC)
- Judy Davies, President, Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains (AHPCC)
- Derek Fraser, Chair of the UK Board of Healthcare Chaplains (UKBHC)
- Mia Hilborn, Chair
- Debbie Hodge, Chief Officer, Multi-Faith Group for Healthcare Chaplaincy (MFGHC)
- Chris Swift, Health Care Chaplaincy Appointment Advisers
- Ranjit Senghera, Senior Manager Equalities & Health Inequalities, NHS England
- Malcolm Brown, Church of England Mission and Public Affairs

Revising of the 2003 Chaplaincy Guidelines

- Consultations are planned in Doncaster on 19 November and London on 22 November. Those who wish to attend should let Chris know by Friday 15th (chaplaincy.guidelines@nhs.net). Draft agendas are available and will be circulated by each group.
- 163 responses have so far been made to the online survey. There is still time to respond (www.surveymonkey.com/s/P3KHFS2)
- There is important work to do on Data Protection issues that are a concern to many chaplains. Examples of best practice will be sought.

NHS England News

- There has been some reorganisation following the departure of Steve Field. No replacement for Steve Field expected for 3-6 months. Ranjit Senghera remains the link with Chaplaincy profession.
- At the next meeting the purpose of a meeting with a wider NHS England team will be discussed.

Engagement with the Catholic Church

- Various consultations have taken place or are planned between different sections of the Catholic Church and Forum members.
- It is important to devise a reliable links and communication pathway - a named contact is needed.
- The Catholic Church is represented at the MFGHC and so has input to this Forum through Debbie. It also has a place on the Churches Committee for Health Care Chaplaincy.

Updates were shared by each group

Next meeting

- A quarterly face to face meeting of the group is planned for 4 December in London

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