

The Chaplaincy Leadership Forum met on 4/12/13 at Tavistock Square

Present were

- Mark Burleigh (President, College of Health Care Chaplains CHCC),
- Judy Davies (President, Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains AHPCC)
- Brendan McCarthy (MPA C of E)
- Derek Fraser (Chairperson, UK Board of Healthcare Chaplains UKBHC)
- Mia Hilborn (Chair)
- Debbie Hodge (Chief Officer, Multi-Faith Group for Healthcare Chaplaincy MFGHC),
- Chris Swift (Senior representative, Health Care Chaplaincy Appointment Advisers)
- Richard Allen (CHCC Mental Health Task Group)
- Ranjit Senghera (NHS England)

Two key items were discussed

1. The Revision of the 2003 Chaplaincy Guidelines

Chris Swift is continuing to work on this and will be producing a draft by the end of the year. This will then go out for consultation.

2. Terms of Reference for the Forum

It was agreed that as the Forum was developing, it needed to be open to a wider participation from all parties interested in and contributing to healthcare chaplaincy in England.

The draft Terms of Reference were amended to reflect this and are now attached for general comment before being approved at the first meeting of the revised body.

The first meeting of the Chaplaincy Leadership Forum will be held on 11th March 2014 at 27 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HH with meetings to be arranged for June, September and December 2014.

To enable to work of the Chaplaincy Leadership Forum Executive to progress between meetings of the whole Forum, an executive will meet monthly 8 times a year via telephone conference, with statements being issued after each meeting. The membership of the Executive will comprise leaders from the Panel of Advisers, the MFGHC, the AHPCC, the CHCC, the UKBHC and the elected Chair of the Forum as well as co-opted members to assist with specific tasks (eg currently the Mental Health Task Group is invited to assist with the revision of the guidelines).

Other news – The British Humanist Association has joined the MFGHC.

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