

Chaplaincy Leadership Forum Update: 25th March 2014

The Chaplaincy Leadership Forum met face to face on 11 March 2014 at CTE in London.

Present

- Richard Allen, Chair of the CHCC Mental Health Task Group (co-opted to give mental health input with regard to the revision of the guidelines)
- Mark Burleigh, President, College of Health Care Chaplains (CHCC) (CLFE)
- Tim Couchman, Free Churches Group
- Judy Davies, President, Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains (AHPCC) (CLFE)
- Derek Fraser, Chair of the UK Board of Healthcare Chaplains (UKBHC) (CLFE)
- Mia Hilborn, Chair (CLFE)
- Frank Kator, Free Churches Group
- Parminder Kaul Kondral, Network of Sikh Organisations
- Barney Leith, Chair of Health Care Chaplaincy Faith and Belief Group (HCCFBG) National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the UK
- Brendan McCarthy, Mission and Public Affairs, Church of England
- Paul Mason, Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, Catholic Church
- Manhar Mehta, Jain Network, HCCFBG
- Keith Munnings, Network of Buddhist Organisations, HCCFBG
- James Newcombe, Bishop for Health, Church of England
- Meir Salasnik, Jewish Visitation Committee
- David Savage, British Humanist Association
- Satish Sharma, National Council of Hindu Temples UK
- Shuja Shafi, Muslim Council of Britain
- Chris Swift, Health Care Chaplaincy Appointment Advisers (also chair for this meeting) (CLFE)

Apologies

- Debbie Hodge, Chief Officer, Health Care Chaplaincy Faith and Belief Group (HCCFBG)
- Paul Nash, Paediatric Chaplains Network
- Ranjit Senghera, Senior Manager Equalities & Health Inequalities, NHS England

Purpose of the CLF

- To enable the significant bodies and representatives of faiths and beliefs to discuss the development of healthcare chaplaincy with NHS England and other significant bodies.
- To develop and maintain good and transparent relations between the main chaplaincy bodies.

Terms of Reference for the CLF

- These were agreed with amendments.

Revising of the 2003 Chaplaincy Guidelines

- It was noted that Chris Swift has completed the draft Guidelines, which contain sections on General Practice and Primary Care, Mental Health and Palliative Care.
- Staffing ratio in the new Guidelines will be 0.1WTE for 35 inpatients per faith
- Major staff changes within NHS England plus temporary absences within key staff have led to a delay in the beginning of the consultation process for the revised Guidelines

Qualification and authorisation

- This is an area of disagreement between and within faith and belief groups.
- Chaplaincy and faith and belief groups need to communicate "in more than one language".
- Need for agreement about how a chaplain is deemed 'qualified'.
- Endorsement by faith and belief groups are an ongoing area of discussion.

Future Developments of the CLF

- The British Humanist Association has been asked to make a future presentation to the CLF about its perspectives and approach to pastoral care.
- Brendan McCarthy agreed to make regular notification of issues in Parliament relevant to members of the Forum.
- It was agreed that NHS Guidelines on the use of social media to be circulated to all members of the Forum and to anyone thinking of using it in relation to chaplaincy activities.
- Andy Burnham MP has been invited to address the CLF, on Tuesday 15 July 2014..

Next meeting

- Dates of the next face to face meetings of the Chaplaincy Leadership Forum:

Tues 15 July 2014-03-25

Weds 12th November 2014

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