

Chaplaincy Leadership Forum

Update: 6 May 2014

The Chaplaincy Leadership Forum Executive has had two phone meetings since the last update.

Present at one or both meetings:

- Mark Burleigh, President, College of Health Care Chaplains (CHCC) (CLFE)
- 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)
- Chris Swift, Health Care Chaplaincy Appointment Advisers (also chair for this meeting) (CLFE)
- Debbie Hodge, Chief Officer, Healthcare Chaplaincy Faith and Belief Group (HCFBG)
- Ranjit Senghera, Senior Manager Equalities & Health Inequalities, NHS England

Feedback on the inaugural meeting of the CLF

- Feedback had been generally positive.
- It is important to keep the balance of the group right.

Revising of the 2003 Chaplaincy Guidelines

- These are at present in the NHS Gateway process in preparation for public consultation. This takes about 3 weeks.
- There will be two consultation meetings in July, in Leeds and in London. These will be for a wide range of stakeholders.
- Hopefully the launch will be in September/October.

Finances

- The NHS funding is managed by NHS England who make the decisions as to how the money is spent and who need assurance that the money is achieving good value for money.
- The CLF is welcome to make suggestions to NHSE as to priority areas in Chaplaincy that need supporting.
- It is important to look at the next stage after the guidelines have been published, to ensure they are implemented.

CLF Meeting with Andy Burnham, Shadow Health Secretary

- This has been confirmed for 15 July.
- It is planned to give careful thought as to how to make the most of this time.
- It seems we need to include some sort of brief presentation on what chaplaincy is and its strategic importance.

Theos Study on Chaplaincy

- Theos (www.theosthinktank.co.uk) have secured funding to do a research study on Chaplaincy: *A Very Modern Ministry: Chaplaincy in the UK*. Their application for funding was supported by the CHCC and the HCFBG.
- Theos made a presentation to the meeting of the HCFBG on 30 April.

Next meetings of the full Forum

- Tues 15 July 2014 at CTE, London
- Wed 12 November 2014 at CTE, London

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