

Report for the AHPCC AGM 2018

**Network for Pastoral, Spiritual and Religious Care in Health (NPSRCH) –**  
formerly Healthcare Chaplaincy Faith and Belief Group

On 1<sup>st</sup> December last year the Network for Pastoral, Spiritual and Religious Care in Health (NPSRCH) merged with The Chaplaincy Leadership Forum (CLF) to form the Chaplaincy Forum for Pastoral, spiritual and Religious Care in Health (CFPSRCH).

The new forum met for the first time on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 2018 with representatives from CHCC (College of Healthcare Chaplains), AHPCC (Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains), UKBHC (UK Board of Healthcare Chaplains), NETWORK (Network for Pastoral, Spiritual and religious Care in Health – formerly Healthcare Chaplaincy Faith and Belief Group) & NHS England. Sarah Sewell (CLF) will act as interim Chair of the Forum during 2018 until an independent chair is appointed. Consideration is to be given to appointing 'lay members' who would bring particular insights and skills.

The purpose and function of the group is supporting strategic development, monitoring work projects, being a forum for consultation for future policy and making recommendations for the development of good practice in Healthcare Chaplaincy in England. The pattern of meetings to be three London based meeting per year with telephone conference meetings monthly.

The items considered in their first meeting included – NHS Advisers Panel, Communication with Wales, Scotland and NI, PSA Registration, Spiritual Care Policies, Transgender Care & Recruitment Issues.