

## **Chaplaincy Leadership Forum**

**Update: 24 November 2014**

The Chaplaincy Leadership Forum met twice in the past 2 months:

### **The first meeting was on 20 October:**

This meeting was an extra meeting to receive the updated version of the revised NHS chaplaincy guidelines (for England). Many of the comments from various individuals and organisations have been taken into account. We await the final version which should be released later this year. Thanks were expressed to Chris Swift for all his work on the guidelines.

### **The second meeting was on 12 November:**

This was the regular meeting and we were joined by Andy Burnham, Shadow Secretary of State for Health. After general introductions Chris Swift made a brief presentation on Chaplaincy. Andy Burnham then spoke about his positive experience of hospital chaplaincy in action. He also shared his vision for the future of healthcare as "person centred", rather than "patient centred". He expressed the need for better integration across health and social care, seeing a role for chaplains in a wider setting. He also asked the CLF to send him a suggested "patient's right" to spiritual care that he might add to the NHS Constitution.

After he had left each group shared news from their faith or organisation. The groups represented were:

- Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains
- Baha'i healthcare chaplaincy
- British Humanist Association
- Buddhist healthcare chaplaincy
- College of Health Care Chaplains
- Free Churches Group
- Healthcare Chaplaincy Advisers
- Healthcare Chaplaincy Faith and Belief Group
- Jewish healthcare chaplaincy
- Mental Health Resource Group of the CHCC
- Sikh healthcare chaplaincy
- UK Board for Healthcare Chaplaincy

### **Next meeting of the CLF**

- The next meeting of the Forum is planned for 19 February at CTE in London.
- The Executive will continue to meet informally on a monthly basis.

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