

Chaplaincy Leadership Forum

Update: 2 April 2015

Meetings

The Chaplaincy Leadership Forum met on 10 March.

The executive met face to face for a 24 hour session 25-25 February. They have also met through phone conferencing since the last update on 10 March.

The main items of news are:

Publication of the Guidelines

These were published on 6 March and are available on the NHS England website (<http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/nhs-chaplaincy-guidelines-2015.pdf>). They were welcomed by many organisations including:

- Association of Hospice & Palliative Care Chaplains
- British Humanist Association
- Buddhist community
- Catholic Bishops Conference
- Church of England
- College of Health Care Chaplains
- Healthcare Chaplaincy Faith & Belief Group

Clarity is still needed over information governance issues and a project will look into this over the coming year. The Guidelines will be revised in 2017.

Strategy

The executive residential meeting aims to look forward to see how the guidelines can be implemented and healthcare chaplaincy strengthened. A draft paper was written and presented to the full CLF on 12 March. The CLF agreed to send this paper out for wide consultation - and it should be circulated with this update and a letter explaining how to respond.

The place of healthcare chaplaincy in the NHS

Ranjit Senghera has informed us that she will be handing over the chaplaincy brief to colleagues in nursing within NHS England, under the Chief Nurse, Jane Cummings.

Next Meetings of the CLF

The CLF will meet on 22 October in London.

It is planned that the next meeting will coincide with the official launch of the guidelines, possibly on one of the following dates: 16, 17, 29 or 30 June.

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