

## **Chaplaincy Leadership Forum**

**Update: 28 July 2014**

The Chaplaincy Leadership Forum met on 15th July in London. It was very well attended with 15 attendees. Unfortunately Andy Burnham, Shadow Minister for Health, was not able to attend as planned. However, a useful meeting took place discussing the following issues:

### **Revision of the 2003 Chaplaincy Guidelines**

- The consultation period has begun (of 3 months). It comes to a close on 29th September.
- Two consultation meetings took place on 14 and 17 July.
- There will be another consultation on September 24th for the partner bodies of chaplaincy.
- The Forum had a wide ranging discussion on the draft guidelines. 38 issues that were raised will be taken in to consideration.
- The most discussion surrounded the "unworkable" section on data protection.

### **News sharing**

- Updates were shared by the Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains (AHPCC), the College of Health Care Chaplains (CHCC), the Healthcare Chaplaincy Faith and Belief Group (HCFBG), the Panel of Advisers and the UK Board for Healthcare Chaplaincy (UKBHC).
- There was a brief discussion on the statement issued by the ENHCC (European Network of Health Care Chaplaincy). This is available on their website: [www.enhcc.eu/2014\\_salzburg\\_statement.pdf](http://www.enhcc.eu/2014_salzburg_statement.pdf)
- There are discussions taking place as to whether Chaplaincy in England may return to the brief of the Chief Nurse rather than remaining with NHS England.
- Due to the pressure of time caused by the discussion of the guidelines, not all representatives were able to share news this time.

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

- The next meeting of the Forum is on Wednesday 12 November at CTE in London.
- Andy Burnham has said that he will attend.
- The Executive will continue to meet informally on a monthly basis.

### **Future Updates**

- Updates will be sent out after the meetings of the CLF, and once in-between meetings (averaging once every 2 months).

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