National Sikh Chaplaincy Day 1-16 November 2014

An Update Report

Our sincere thanks to all for making this a very special and successful event

The UK Sikh Healthcare Chaplaincy Group organised a day of prayer during the week 1-16 November 2014 in UK hospitals aimed at promoting community links between the NHS and the Sikh community with the help of the Sikh Chaplains and members of the Sikh community from various Gurdwaras. The prayers in hospitals across the country were held for the well-being, recovery of those who are currently in hospital regardless of faith, race or gender and for World peace. On many occasions some Chaplains shared drinks and food denoting the tradition of Langar (free kitchen) which expresses the ethics of sharing, community, inclusiveness and oneness of all humankind.

THE PRAYERS/ARDAS WERE SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED AT:

Birmingham, City and Sandwell Hospitals ±Joga Singh and Parkash Kaur Sohal performed the prayer day in the presence of staff and members of the Sikh congregation

Birmingham ±Heart of England Revd Maclaclan and Satinder Kaur Tanque OBE. DL. arranged the Prayer Day on 25 November 2014. It was held in the Seminar Room and the prayers were led by Satinder Kaur. Light refreshments were also available. Photo attached of those who were present.

Birmingham ±Walsall Manor Hospital ±Smith Cathryn, Secretary of Chaplaincy reports that Sikh Day of Prayer which was held at 11:00 on Wednesday 29 October at the Manor Hospital. Mrs Parkash Sohal, Honorary Sikh Chaplain, together with representatives from the local Sikh community, along with Sharad Bhatta (Hindu Chaplain), Reverend Alison Coles (Chaplaincy Team Leader), and Linda %U R Z Q D V W X G H Q W R Q S O D F H P H Q W Z L W K &K D S O D L Q F \ I U R P 4 Education, along with the Imam Khalid Mahmud, Muslim Chaplain and D Smith, Chaplaincy Secretary were present. Photo attached.

Calderdale & Huddersfield ±Revd George Spencer and Harbinder Singh Baines arranged the Prayer Day on 14 November 2014 at 12.15pm.

Coventry ±University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire (UCHCW) NHS Trust ±Rev Paul Holmes and Kuldeep Singh, Sikh Chaplain and Bereavement Support Officer arranged a Prayer Day on Saturday 20 December 2014. Sangat from local Gurdwaras Guru Nanak Parkash, Hall Lane came with Guru ka Langar, which was delivered after Sukhmani Sahib Path, and Kids/ladies kirtan session.

Croydon ±Croydon University Hospital - Nirmal Singh Khalsi arranged a Prayer Day on 15 November 2014 which went and was attended by fellow Sikhs from the local area. It was also attended by members of other faiths who are volunteers at the hospital.

Essex, Basildon& Thurrock University Hospitals, Revd Victor Davidson, Charanjit Kaur Ghataore, and Gian Kaur arranged a Prayer Day on 13 November 2014. Charanjit took Gurmit Kaur Mahil and Parminder Kaur Konal to Basildon from East London. We were met by the Chaplaincy Team and two staff members who also joined us with the prayers. We then sang Mool Mantar five W L P H V D Q G G L G : D K H J X U X ¶ V M D D Sabad $ ¶ W L H O U Z D K D W R Z K D D O H F 3 V S U D E K D D S J D Y D \ H D Q H H Q G K Sabad in English: 7 K H G L Y H D V H V J R * R G + L P V H O I W R R N L W D Z D \ , V O H H S , S H D We finished with