

September 2015

To: All Hospital trusts and chaplains

Dear Sir/Madam

In co-ordination with the UK Sikh healthcare chaplaincy group, the Sikh community has organised a day of prayer which will involve members of the Sikh community co-ordinating together throughout the UK to come to pray for the welfare, recovery and peace of those of all faith traditions who are currently in hospital and World Peace.

The day of prayer will take place on a day between **16 November – 6 December 2015** at your hospital, to coincide with the birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji - the founder of Sikhism – which falls on 25 November 2015 this year. Over the past years we have had over 60 hospitals taking part and each year a report is prepared after the event which gives some of the details and press releases that were generated from the week/s.

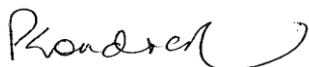
The Sikh faith has a long tradition of inter-faith work, and this year, as in previous years, the UK Sikh healthcare chaplaincy group wishes to co-ordinate this day so that we can also help to support the greater participation and recruitment of members of the Sikh faith as chaplaincy volunteers.

The logistics of the day are that a small group of representatives from the local Sikh community, or the closest Sikh community to the hospital will visit at an agreed time to conduct the Sikh prayer of 'Ardas'. This prayer will ask for universal healing to those who need it and for World Peace. The vibrations of the prayer will help reach out to all, regardless of faith, race or gender. This will take no more than half an hour, after which it will provide an opportunity for both the chaplaincy and the Sikh community to network and learn about the opportunities for volunteering that may be available in an informal setting.

If you have a Sikh Chaplain in your Chaplaincy Department, please encourage him/her to organise this with their local Sikh Gurudwara. If you do not have a Sikh Chaplain in your Chaplaincy Department, you could register your intention to take part with us by getting in touch with us via e-mail or fill out the attached form. We will endeavour to arrange a time with you and let you know who will be attending from the Sikh community closest to your hospital to conduct the Ardas.

Look forward to hearing from you.

With every best wish



National Co-ordinating Officer, UK Sikh Healthcare Chaplaincy Group

Enc: Prayer Day Poster & acceptance form

Registration of Interest for the UK Sikh Healthcare Chaplaincy Prayer Day

Q1. Are you willing to take part in the Prayer day during the weeks of 16 November - 6 December 2015?

Yes	No
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If **Yes**, please fill out Q2 and Q3. If no, please fill out Q4.

Q2. Could you please indicate which dates you would be able to accommodate a visit during the weeks of 16 November - 6 December 2015?

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(Please indicate which dates you would be available to accommodate by ticking the above boxes)

Q3. Could you please give us the contact details of the person to contact to arrange the visit?

Name	
Contact Telephone number	
Name of Hospital/Trust	
Email Address	
Address of Hospital	

Q4. If you do not wish to take part in the prayer day, could you please indicate for feedback purposes the reasons why?

Hospital protocols do not allow us to take part	
We do not have many Sikh Patients who attend our hospital	
Our needs are met by our current Sikh chaplains	
Other	
Signature	
Date	