

## Newsletter Summer 2018

### **WELCOME**

This is the 2018 Summer edition of the UKBHC's Newsletter.

For the benefit of chaplains and the wider healthcare constituency, the Newsletter continues to highlight news of and insights into chaplaincy issues. Please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions for future editions.

### **Functions of the UKBHC**

UKBHC is a multifaith organisation of practising healthcare chaplains whose primary objects are to:

- Promotes the health, safety and wellbeing of patients and service users and the protection of the public, through the UKBHC Code of Conduct and the maintenance of the register of UKBHC registered health and social care chaplains.
- Advance and disseminate the knowledge and practice of healthcare chaplaincy;
- Define and develop professional standards of chaplaincy including education, training and continuing professional development;
- Train advisers to support employers in the selection and appointment of healthcare chaplains;
- Operate procedures to consider, investigate and assess the professional conduct of registered chaplains;
- Maintain and develop systems to promote and accredit continuing professional development and the professional registration of chaplains.
- Maintain a voluntary register of health and social care chaplains.

### **WEBSITE**

The main vehicle for contact with the UKBHC is the website - [www.ukbhc.org.uk](http://www.ukbhc.org.uk).

Please access the website regularly to keep up-to-date with important information for chaplains and others.

### **Chair's Report**

Dear All,

You may be aware that there have been several personnel changes within the board towards the end of 2017. Two new professional members were appointed, Simon Betteridge and Cameron Langlands. We have also appointed a new secretary, Derek Johnston. I was appointed as chair to UKBHC and took up the role at the December meeting of the board. Derek Fraser is continuing as a professional member with responsibility for academic standards. We have a blend of continuity and fresh faces and ideas.

My first task writing this is to pay tribute to the role that Derek Fraser has played in leading the healthcare chaplaincy profession over many years in particular as chair to UKBHC. Where the UKBHC and chaplaincy is now is due in no small measure to his leadership. It has been the kind of leadership that has enabled many other skilled and experienced people to play their part. I personally, as president of CHCC and latterly as secretary to UKBHC, have first-hand experience to speak of. Achieving Accredited Register status with PSA in 2017 was a major milestone on the path of development of the profession that Derek has been instrumental in guiding us towards.

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I know that his are large shoes to step into. At the moment I am wearing three pairs of socks and using insoles! Fortunately I am supported by the membership of the board, which contains much talent, vision, energy and insight.

What drives my passion for the work of UKBHC is its primary aim, which is to maintain the safety and wellbeing of the public, by upholding the highest standards of professional practice. Because what matters most to anyone are the core existential questions of, who am I? mortality, meaninglessness, abandonment, isolation and why me?

They come to the fore in times of difficulty and illness and chaplains are uniquely placed to address those concerns, not necessarily to give answers, but to listen and embrace some of the chaos that they can bring, doing so by embodying wisdom of life that religion and belief contain.

My aim in each pastoral encounter is that persons can know and experience love in the giving and receiving of it and to change the search for meaning into an experience of it. Who gives and who receives is not defined. But it takes a highly developed sense of personhood and pastoral skill to enable it happen, because in those moments we are holding someone's life in our hands.

Registration signifies my intention to practice as I do, but also that the core of someone's being is at the heart of healthcare (as is chaplaincy).

**Mark Stobert (Chair)**

## **Spotlight on members of the UKBHC Board – Simon Betteridge**



Simon is an ordained Priest in the Church of England and has worked at UHCW NHS Trust as Chaplain since 2004, becoming Lead Chaplain & Bereavement Services Manager in 2010. During his time at the Trust he has specialised in Mental Health, Neonatal loss and End of Life Care. Simon is Chair of Rugby Joint Health & Well-being Partnership Group and is working in partnership with voluntary sector groups to promote greater well-being for people with long term conditions. He is also leading a project called 'Compassionate Communities' which aims to encourage support for the dying and bereaved within their community. Outside of healthcare he is a member of the two Archbishop's Evangelism Task group and Chaplain to Coventry City FC.

## **Registrar's Message**

Thank you to all those members who have paid their fees and made their CPD returns in a timely fashion. As of the end of April 2018 278 have paid their fees , 62 are unpaid. 253 have returned CPDs, 87 have not.

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We would ask those who have not already paid fees or returned their CPDs to do so before the end of June. After that we will have no recourse but to suspend their membership. Last year we had to remove 45 members from the Register for these reasons. At the time of writing the Board are in the process of reviewing Provisional membership and clarifying the nature and significance of that membership.

It is probably important that I restate that full membership can only be given to applicants who demonstrate continuous employment in Healthcare Chaplaincy since June 2013 or have a Post Graduate qualification in Healthcare Chaplaincy OR have an equivalent Qualification.

**Mark Rodgers**  
**UKBHC Registrar**

### **New Chaplaincy Forum**

The FORUM held its first face to face meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018.

Present were representatives from:

- CHCC -College of Health Care Chaplaincy,
- AHPCC -Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains,
- UKBHC -UK Board of Healthcare Chaplaincy ,
- NETWORK -Network for Pastoral, Spiritual and Religious Care in Health (formerly Healthcare Chaplaincy Faith & Belief Group)
- NHS England
- Sarah Sewell -Interim Chair The Forum
- Debbie Hodge (apologies)

The Terms of reference were agreed. It was acknowledged that one of the main benefits of meeting in this Forum is to enable chaplaincy groups to keep each other informed of issues, plans and aspirations. Future membership will be reviewed and evolve as agreed, including a consideration of 'lay members' bringing particular insights and skills.

As this was an initial meeting there are only basic notes however, after future meetings a summary will be printed in the newsletter.

### **Developments in Chaplaincy**

#### **Education**

The Board is pleased to announce the accreditation of two new Postgraduate Chaplaincy Programmes to support applicants in achieving the healthcare chaplaincy educational requirements for Board Registration:

- [PG Certificate Healthcare Chaplaincy - London South Bank University](#), provided by Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.
- PG Diploma / MA Existential and Humanist Pastoral Support – Middlesex University London, provided by the New School of Psychotherapy and Counselling.

The Middlesex University Programme is unique in that students in completing their Diploma meet both the Belief Group and Healthcare Chaplaincy educational requirements for Board Registration.

This brings the number of accredited programmes to five. Each programme is unique and together they offer students the choice of face to face, block or distance (on-line) learning, and a geographical spread

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from Glasgow, to Cambridge, Cardiff and London.

David Mitchell  
Academic Advisor

### **CPD Audit**

The CPD audit is different this year. You will notice that we are no longer requiring information about your faith community or CPD relating to that. Instead, we are asking for a summary of CPD activities relating directly to your Chaplaincy work and, specifically, about the CPD activities you have undertaken through individual study (e.g. reading journals, on-line material, time in the library), individual professional activity (e.g. mandatory on-line training, professional supervision), internal CPD (e.g. team development days, training and learning opportunities provided by your Trust or Board), and external CPD (e.g. formal educational activity provided by an HEI).

In addition to this, and for the first time, we are asking for a brief summary statement from you, indicating what the impact of this learning has been on your practice. This recognises that merely attending a course or study day does not mean we have engaged with the learning activity of the day. The point of CPD is that we learn and grow in our practice. The additional column recognises that impact of learning is of prime importance in developing practice.

We are no longer asking for the translation of CPD hours into CPD points. Feedback indicated that people were confused by this exercise. Indeed, if we are asking for a minimum of 35 hours of CPD each year, it seems logical simply to ask people to

indicate the hours of CPD activity they have undertaken.

Finally, we have removed the column indicating maximum and minimum hours of CPD in the various areas. Ideally, we are still looking for a blend of individual, internal and external learning, but the feedback we were receiving showed that this way of catching that was unhelpful and the simpler format of the summary template would, just as well, catch that information.

We hope that the new format of the CPD summary sheet proves to be more useful and easier to use than previous versions and look forward to your feedback. A model version of the new format is available on the UKBHC website.

### **Know who the UKBHC are;**

In this newsletter we thought it would be good to let you know who sits on the UKBHC; (May 2018)

Mark Stobert (chair)  
Derek Fraser  
Simon Betteridge  
Mary Currie  
Maura Delvin  
Simon Harrison  
Debbie Hodge  
Derek Johnston  
David Mitchell  
Karen Murphy  
Sheila Mitchell  
Paul Nash  
Mark Rodgers (registrar)  
Philip Wright  
Vacant (Treasurer)



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### **Engagement Meeting 2018**

#### **London Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Please put Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in your diary! This year's engagement event is titled "Pathways to Registration" and will be held at the Churches Together Building Tavistock Square London.

The afternoon will start with lunch at 1pm and finish no later than 4pm. Last year in Glasgow we had a terrific turnout with over 30 attendants. Let's make this event bigger and better!

### **News**

#### **Congratulations**



Lead Chaplain at Barking, Havering, Redbridge University Hospitals Trust (BHRUT) and UKBHC member Rev. Philip Wright attended the **PENNA Awards (Patient Experience National Network Awards)** in Birmingham where he won first prize in the "Using Insight for Improvement-Accessibility" category for the development of the "Daisy Centre" at Queen's Hospital. After listening to relative's feedback Phil along with his colleagues developed the Dignity in dying programme. When the Trust merged Bereavement Services with Chaplaincy it was an opportunity to set up a one stop process for families to collect medical certificates and register the death of their loved one and see a chaplain all under the same roof. The trust now uses the Daisy symbol throughout the hospital for all those at end of life.



Rev Philip Wright Lead chaplain BHRUT with Victoria Wallen Head of Patient Experience BHRUT.

### **Contacts**

The four member groups of the UKBHC are:

#### **AHPCC**

Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains (AHPCC): [www.ahpcc.org.uk](http://www.ahpcc.org.uk)

#### **CHCC**

For updates on the CHCC's work and other helpful information, see [www.healthcarechaplains.org](http://www.healthcarechaplains.org).

CHCC members can also get more information by logging into the members' area, where they can also check/update their email address to receive occasional email updates. You can also follow the CHCC Twitter account: @HealthChaplains.

#### **NIHCA**

Northern Ireland Healthcare Chaplains' Association (NIHCA): [www.nihca.co.uk](http://www.nihca.co.uk)  
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**SACH**

Scottish Association of Chaplains in  
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