

WELCOME

This is the 11th edition of the UKBHC's Newsletter - Edition 13.2

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.

MEMBERS OF THE UKBHC

The four member groups of the UKBHC are:

- Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains (AHPCC): www.ahpcc.org.uk
- College of Health Care Chaplains (CHCC): www.healthcarechaplains.org
- Northern Ireland Healthcare Chaplains' Association (NIHCA): www.nihca.co.uk
- Scottish Association of Chaplains in Healthcare (SACH): www.sach.org.uk

WEBSITE

The main vehicle for contact with the UKBHC is the website - www.ukbhc.org.uk.

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

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 18th September

2013,

2pm

University of Glasgow

Nursing and Healthcare School

57/61 Oakfield Avenue

Glasgow G12 8LL

UKBHC AGM 2013

The Board is pleased to announce the 2013 Annual General Meeting to which all are invited to attend.

The meeting will be preceded in the morning by a meeting of the board.

Minutes of the 2012 UKBHC Annual General Meeting held in Birmingham are available on the UKBHC website

AGM Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Board overview report
4. Main strands reporting:-
 - Academic
 - Advisers
 - Conduct
 - Registration
5. Treasurers report
6. Website report
7. Newsletter update
8. Question and Answer session

Close with refreshments to follow
and informal discussion.

Future editions of the UKBHC Newsletter will include profiles of all the board members.

Working Towards an Effective Relationship with NHS England

The UKBHC draws your attention to the joint statement issued on 5 August 2013 regarding the relationship between healthcare chaplaincy professional community and NHS England.

All are invited and encouraged to comment the proposals for a consultative committee and the request from NHS England to update the NHS Chaplaincy Guidelines from 2003 :

webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130107105354/http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4062016).

UKBHC will play a full part in this consultation and revision alongside CHCC, and AHPCC as well as MFGHC and other stakeholder bodies in English NHS Chaplaincy, in the spirit of cooperation of the joint statement released in mid August.

New Lay Members of the UKBHC Board

The Board met in June and following a procedural discussion welcomed Mary Currie and Brenda Maitland as lay members of the board.

Other News

CHCC

This summer has been a time of change for the CHCC with a number of regional reps standing down. We are grateful for the service they have given. We now have new reps for the South West, Central Southern and East Midlands regions. They will attend their first national meeting in October.

Contact details for all the regional reps are on our website:
www.healthcarechaplains.org/regions

Conferences

Mental Health Resource Group
Conference at High Leigh (2-4
September)

CHCC Annual Study Conference at
The Hayes, Swanwick (24-26
September).

The latter will include the CHCC AGM
in the afternoon of 25 September.

Journal

CHCC members who have not yet
registered for their free copies of the
new journal "Health and Social Care
Chaplaincy" need to do so now in
order not to miss out on the first

issue. This is done through the
members area of the CHCC website,
www.healthcarechaplains.org.
Instructions on how to log in are on
the login page.

AHPCC

The AHPCC held its annual
Conference at The Hayes
Conference Centre, Swanwick, in
May.

The theme was "Sharing Spaces:
Exploring Common Ground in
Spiritual Care".

The Conference has evolved a
pattern whereby every year we try
to include input from a
representative of a major religious
faith and from a creative therapist;
on this occasion our speakers
included Bob Heath (Music
Therapist, Michael Sobell House,
Oxford) and Rehanah Sadiq
(Muslim Chaplain, Birmingham NHS
Trusts).
Copies of the keynote addresses
from this and previous Conferences
are freely available on the AHPCC
website.

Website

Our website now also has a
Members' Area, which includes a
Forum where members can ask
questions and share ideas. The

website as a whole has developed as a valuable source of information for all who are interested in issues relating to chaplaincy and palliative care, as well as a means of communication for AHPCC members, and we increasingly receive contacts from overseas chaplains wanting to link with the Association.

We are grateful to our editor, Mike Rattenbury, for his sterling work in keeping the website up-to-date.

NIHCA

Spiritual Care Policy - Earlier this year, with the knowledge & encouragement of the NI Dept of Health, we sent a template to all NI health Trusts. Resulting from this, many are now drawing up their own policies which can help highlight the place of spiritual, religious & pastoral care in the healthcare package.

Positive publicity - The NIHCA Director of Training, Rev Derek Johnston's faith story recently featured as a two-page story in the Belfast Newsletter (8/8/13) as part of a series on Faith Focus. Much of it related to his role as a healthcare chaplain. The NIHCA is also working with a (sympathetic) journalist on a story about the association.

Lead Chaplain post - In the very near future, the South Eastern Trust will be appointing a Lead Chaplain. The advertising process is now closed and interviews are planned. This will be the second NI health Trust to make such an appointment, following on from Belfast Trust. This is a positive step in the development of chaplaincy in NI.

NIHCA AGM - This was held at Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Craigavon, on 17th May 2013. Under the title, "Models of Chaplaincy" the primary question for consideration & discussion in the morning sessions was - Who is chaplaincy for? God, patients, families, staff, the institution, the Church, me...? It was clearly noted that our answers to this question will influence the model we practice. The afternoon covered NIHCA business.

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