

Dear Registrants and Members:

It feels to me like 2025 is flying by and June is already upon us. I was delighted several weeks ago that we were finally able to write to you to confirm that the changes to our website and payment processes were complete and that we were now able to invite you to send your 2024 CPD and pay your fees for 2025 if you had not already done so. A lot of hard work has gone into this behind the scenes, and I want to thank the team who have worked so hard on this, particularly Janelle Kingham, our Registration Lead, and both Allison Dean and Carol Gully, our outgoing and incoming registrars, respectively.

You will notice that our website doesn't look much different for the moment. We are currently undertaking some preliminary work around our branding and visual identity. I am hoping that early next year our website will look very different and be simpler to navigate for all who use it.

Janelle, supported by other directors, will be holding virtual registration clinics which look to support those who are seeking registration with the paperwork and processes involved. If a group of chaplains in an individual Trust are exploring their relationship to the Board then Janelle is also happy to be invited to join Team meetings. You can contact her at registration.lead@ukbhc.org.uk

I was pleased last month to attend the Scottish CHCC meeting online and to share something of the Board's hopes for the future as we aspire to grow our register with the support of the Professional Standards Authority (PSA). In line with this aspiration, and in recognition of all that is going on within the health sector across our four nations, I wrote in May to the Ministers holding the brief for Health in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In writing we hope to be able to explore with the governments across the whole of the UK how healthcare chaplaincy and the delivery of spiritual care can become a more consistent and equitable service within our modern healthcare system, providing safe, ethical and professional care for patients, families and staff.

Finally, the Directors meet on Thursday 19th June in order to discuss the above and much more. If you have anything you would like us to consider in our meetings please don't hesitate to contact me, chair@ukbhc.org.uk.

With best wishes,

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