

# Board Bulletin

September 2025

The Board of Directors of the UKBHC met on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The following points are shared as a summary of the discussions and decisions made.

- The directors agreed for a working group to review the Board governance structure. This follows the PSA governance review which suggested reducing the number of directors and increasing number of officers/paid roles. This is part of our wider aim of improving responsiveness and increasing professionalism.
- The directors approved a range of updated policy documents, including privacy policy, EDI, complaints. These will shortly be uploaded to the UKBHC website.
- The directors agreed to include a name change as part of our rebranding work. A small working group was given delegated authority to finalize the name choice. We are grateful for all those who responded to the invitation to engage in relation to this over the summer. This feedback has been very helpful in shaping our thinking.
- The directors agreed changes in relation to the timing of CPD returns for 2026 and beyond. From 2026 CPD returns will be staggered across four quarters of the year based on date of birth. This is to spread the administrative burden associated with CPD returns from occurring at one point.
- The directors agreed a small increase of £5 in fees for 2026. This is the first increase since 2020 and recognises increased costs over the past 5 years. Further information about the timing of CPD and fee requests will be sent separately in due course.

Separate to the above points, the directors wish to publicly thank Allison Dean for her work as interim registrar. She has been an invaluable part of the work that the UKBHC has undertaken over the past year and a bit.

Approved minutes from previous meeting [can be found here](#).

**Upcoming CPD Opportunities the Board has approved points for**

The UKBHC accredits external courses and events which meet professional standards in chaplaincy and applies points for CPD. If you have had points approved and would like details included here please contact Mark Newitt:

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### **Research First Journal Club**

The UKBHC has approved up to 3 CPD points/hours [one CPD point for attending the session and one CPD point each for completing before (part 1) and after (part 2) this research article reflection sheet.] Dates for the next three months are:

- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 article TBC (please check FCG and CHCC websites)
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025 exploring Snowden, A., Lobb, E. A., Schmidt, S., Swing, A. M., Logan, P., & Macfarlane, C. (2018). 'What's on your mind?' The only necessary question in spiritual care. *Journal for the Study of Spirituality*, 8(1), 19–33. <https://doi.org/10.1080/20440243.2018.1431031>
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 exploring de Wal, L. 2024. *The lived experience of non-religious healthcare chaplains entering faith-based healthcare chaplaincy teams*. PhD thesis Middlesex University (available at <https://repository.mdx.ac.uk/item/28x463>)

See the [CHCC](#) and [Free Churches Group](#) websites for further information.

### **Reflective Practice**

The UKBHC [Spiritual Care Competences for Healthcare Chaplains \(2020\)](#) document recognises reflective practice as one of four domains of healthcare chaplaincy competence. Alongside 'pop-up' sessions facilitated by Mark Stobert, a previous UKBHC Chair, once a quarter sessions will be led by Bob Whorton making use of creative methods of reflection. The sessions are open to anyone to attend and the UKBHC has approved 1 CPD point/hour for attending the session. You are encouraged to use this [reflection sheet](#) before the session to help think about things you may wish to discuss and to record learning afterwards. Future dates are:

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Pop Up RP 10:30 to 11:30
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Creative ways into RP 11:45 to 13:00
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Pop Up RP 15:30 to 16:30

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