



Starting out in Health Care Chaplaincy 2017

A course designed to introduce
prospective Chaplains to the world of
Health Care and Chaplaincy

Course Handbook for Course Participants

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The purpose of this course is to -

- Enable you to explore if Chaplaincy in a health care setting is for you
- Develop an awareness of Health Care Chaplaincy in the 21st century
- Explore ways of accessing Chaplaincy opportunities from volunteering to full-time substantive posts.

The time table

First Taught element

Dates & venues:

- **Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham: Thursday 2nd February 2017**
- **Royal Infirmary Hospital, Manchester: Thursday 4th May 2017**
- **Free Churches Group, London: Tuesday 10th October 2017**

Time	Session title	Content	Outcomes
9.30am	Welcome		
9.45am	What is Chaplaincy?	History of Chaplaincy in the NHS Models of Chaplaincy – practice and delivery	Understand the development of chaplaincy in the NHS
10.30am	Coffee / Tea		
10.45am	Working in the NHS	Structure of NHS Position of Chaplaincy in the modern hospital	Understand the position of Chaplaincy in the NHS
11.00am	Moving Chaplaincy into the community	Broadening the range of healthcare chaplaincy services	Understand one possible future direction of NHS Chaplaincy
11.30am	Key issues in Chaplaincy Provision	Team work Boundaries Reflective Practice Authorisation /accreditation Chaplaincy bodies	Understand the key issues in chaplaincy that relate to professional and personal practice
12.30pm	Lunch		
1.15 pm	Faith / Belief in Health	Introduction to the principles of pastoral, spiritual and religious care	Understand the difference and connections between pastoral, spiritual and religious care
2.15pm	Comfort break		
2.25pm	Ethical Considerations in Chaplaincy Practice	Ethical principles Ethical dilemmas in health care What does our faith / belief say about ethics?	Begin to explore ethical principles in chaplaincy situations from a faith perspective
3.30pm	Preparation for placement	Do's and don'ts of chaplaincy – attendance, visiting, security, dress code, self-care.	Feel confident in joining a team to gain experience.
4.30pm	Tea and home!		

Placement

Dates:

- **Birmingham between 3rd February – 2nd April 2017**
- **Manchester between 5th May – 2nd July 2017**
- **London between 11th October – 11th December 2017**

This placement will enable you to experience the work of chaplaincy as part of a chaplaincy team and explore issues of faith and belief in relation to healthcare chaplaincy.

You are expected to complete a minimum of 4 to a maximum of 20 hours spread over a period of about 8 weeks.

During this period you will explore aspects of chaplaincy practice that relate to the following:

- Healthcare provision
- Faith / belief-based teachings on caring for the sick and dying
- Beginning and end-of-life care and related faith / belief-based ethical and moral considerations

This experience will be recorded in the Reflective Learning Log.

During this period you will meet for with your faith / belief community tutor to reflect on practice and explore issues raised by the experience, and you can make contact with your course tutor:

- Debbie Hodge (tel: 020 3651 8337)
- Nigel Goodfellow (tel: 0191 282 1510)
- Keith Munnings (tel: 07931 532006)

You will also share your learning with the Chaplaincy team and have support from a designated Chaplain in the team.

Second taught element

Dates & venues:

- **Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham: Monday 3rd April 2017**
- **Royal Infirmary Hospital, Manchester: Monday 3rd July 2017**
- **Free Churches Group, London: Tuesday 12th December 2017**

Time	Session Title	Content	Outcome
9.30am	Welcome		
9.35am	Reflective Practice	Learning from the placement Sharing experience and faith / belief perspectives	Demonstrate skills in reflection that link experience, practice and faith / belief
11.00am	Coffee / tea		
11.15am	Is Chaplaincy for me?	Personal reflection on issues raised	Critically appraise the Chaplain's role
12.00noon	Authorisation and Endorsement	Overview of the Authorisation Process Specifics of different faith / belief communities	Understand the need for Authorisation / Endorsement and its process in specific faith / belief communities
1pm Lunch			
1.45pm	Working as a volunteer	Finding a position, statutory training, working in a team	Understand the nature and purpose of Chaplaincy Volunteers
2.45pm	Finding a job	Accessing local, regional and national information and adverts Completing application forms Attending interviews	Navigate the systems to secure a position (voluntary / honorary / paid)
3.45pm	Course Evaluation	Preparation for Essay	
4.30pm	Tea and home!		

Course assessment

- a) Reflective Learning log completed during placement
- b) Essay (2500 words) exploring the faith / belief contribution to chaplaincy and healthcare. Submission dates:
 - **Birmingham course by Friday 12th May 2017**
 - **Manchester course by Friday 8th September 2017**
 - **London course by Friday 26th January 2018**