

Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire SHA Chaplaincy Collaborative

First Meeting held on April 4 2006 at SHA Offices, Tonman House, St Albans

1230 – 1630

Those present:

Erica Tuxworth – Business Manager Beds & Herts SHA
Susan Hollins – Lead Chaplain, Caring for the Spirit Strategy, Eastern Region
Tim Battle – Project Officer, Caring for the Spirit Strategy
Carol Nolan – Spiritual & Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust
George Cobb – Chaplain, E & N Hertfordshire NHS Trust
Simon Manley – Cooper – Chaplain E & N Hertfordshire NHS Trust
Elizabeth Bradley – Chaplain Luton & Dunstable NHS Trust
Philip Gibson – Chaplain Bedford NHS Trust
Eddie Fisher – Locum Chaplain Bedford NHS Trust

Apologies were received from:

Lyn Bassett – RC Chaplain West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Geoff Cook – Chaplain West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust

1. Erica Tuxworth welcomed everyone on behalf of the SHA
2. Susan Hollins welcomed Tim Battle to the meeting
3. There were two PowerPoint presentations
 - a. A review of the Caring for the Spirit Strategy
 - b. Chaplaincy Collaboratives – form, function, future (attached to Notes)
4. A general discussion then followed
 - a. GC wished to record that the CPD material was being shared between the AHPCC, CHCC and SACH and not simply by CHCC as appeared in the first presentation
 - b. Following the inception of the collaboratives the rest of the first year of their life would be very intense until the departure of the 4 Lead Chaplains in 10/07
 - c. There is an imperative to 'engage the stragglers'
 - d. The focus would be upon embedding the collaborative in the life of the SHA (in its present and future form) with the education and training strand being a crucial issue to address
 - e. Consideration would also be required in relation to the engagement of the various Bishop's Officers for healthcare chaplaincy in the area and how the networks in which they are involved may mesh with the chaplaincy collaborative
 - f. Emphasis was given by SH to the need for Line Managers to give their full support to chaplains attending the collaborative. In response to the question about the need to provide cover when chaplains were off-site for any length of time a suggestion was made that it would be sensible to develop a pool of locum chaplains who could provide such cover.
 - g. A lengthy discussion focussed upon the characteristics of a chaplaincy collaborative which differentiate it from other meetings of chaplains. Emphasis was given to the strategic benefits of the formal link with the SHA as well as the benefits from chaplains sharing good practice

together as well as working on specific tasks together. It was stressed that the collaborative is expected to have a practical emphasis upon workforce development and the development of chaplaincy services in each Trust.

- h. Those present agreed to engage with the chaplaincy collaborative and to inform others in their teams about future meetings.
- i. Dates for future meetings were agreed as follows:
 - i. 22 May 1330 – 1630
 - ii. 27 September 1330 – 1630
 - iii. 5 December 0900 – 1200
 - iv. All meetings will be held at Tonman House, Victoria Street, St Albans.
- j. Draft Agenda for the May meeting
 - i. Local Issues
 - ii. Minimum Data Set
 - iii. Links with educational institutions
- k. **Please send to Susan Hollins the contact details (email or postal address) of all part-time chaplains in your team if you have not already done this. (susan.hollins@bhsha.nhs.uk)**