

Trent Chaplaincy and Spiritual Healthcare Collaborative

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Summary of Purpose

- To formulate a strategic direction for chaplaincy and spiritual healthcare.
- To support one another in developing chaplaincy and spiritual healthcare practice.
- To advance a chaplaincy and spiritual healthcare agenda via strategic networks in 'Trent'.
- To make appropriate links with other professional bodies at local and regional levels

nb more detail on Purpose can be found in Caring for the Spirit Guidance Note 9, *Chaplaincy Collaboratives* (at www.southyorkshire.nhs.uk)

Membership

- All healthcare chaplains, including part-time chaplains, and others involved in the provision of spiritual care in the area covered by the former Trent SHA
- A workforce development link from education and training in Trent
- As the collaborative agenda develops, representatives of the following may be invited to join:
 - education providers
 - commissioners of health services eg PCTs
 - faith communities and cultural groups
 - Local Involvement Networks
 - Senior managers and professionals from Trusts
 - Other stakeholders with a strategic role

Way of Working

- A half day plenary meeting three times per year. At least one chaplain/spiritual caregiver from each Trust will aim to attend. More are welcome, especially where there is a diversity of roles within a Chaplaincy department.
- Small project groups, focused on agreed topics, will work between plenary sessions and report to the Collaborative.
- The Lead Chaplain will initially convene plenary meetings in liaison with the nominated SHA link. However, by 2007 the Lead Chaplain role will cease. It may be wise to consider forming a small steering group to sustain momentum and to convene/lead meetings.