

Collaborative Name	North East
Date of Event	21 03 06 Launch: Wynyard Rooms Billingham
Attendance	28 chaplains, managers and clinical leads from NHS organisations across the North East
Summary of discussion	<p><b>1. Introduction and Aims</b></p> <p>Andrew Black, Health Professions Manager at the SHA, welcomed those attending. (see <i>attendance list</i>) The aims of the meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To present a case for the collaborative as a mechanism for developing spiritual healthcare.</li> <li>• To give those attending an opportunity to shape the concept to meet local needs.</li> <li>• To agree next steps</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Presentation</b></p> <p>Martin Kerry, Lead Chaplain, <i>Caring for the Spirit</i>, presented a vision for a North East Chaplaincy Collaborative. (see <i>presentation slides</i>) The initiative derives from 'Caring for the Spirit', the national strategy for the spiritual healthcare workforce, currently led for the NHS by South Yorkshire SHA. Principal benefits of a Collaborative would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The potential to advance a spiritual healthcare agenda via strategic networks</li> <li>• A forum for developing and modernizing practice</li> <li>• A means of empowering Chaplains to make their full contribution to healthcare</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Discussion</b></p> <p>Points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The concern of PCTs with a broader health agenda and how best to incorporate spiritual healthcare concerns</li> <li>• How to support the large cadre of patients who have long term conditions involving periodic acute episodes of care</li> <li>• How to profile spiritual healthcare in a culture which requires everything to be <i>measured</i>.</li> </ul> <p>Three issues emerged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how realistic is it to expect organisational and managerial 'buy in' to the collaborative?</li> <li>• How will the collaborative have 'teeth'?</li> <li>• What will be the collaborative's relationship to existing chaplaincy development groups in NE?</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Generating an Agenda for Work</b></p> <p>Two sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chaplaincy depts in NE recently completed a <i>Caring for the Spirit</i> questionnaire rating their performance against key themes in the workforce strategy (see <i>Analysis of questionnaire</i>)</li> <li>- Groupwork in the meeting addressed the question: 'In what areas of spiritual healthcare development could the forum of a Chaplaincy Collaborative be of most use?' Five groups each generated two 'potential priorities' for a Collaborative (see <i>list of priorities</i>)</li> </ul>

Summary of action agreed	<p>5.1 The meeting proposed that a <b>Steering Group</b> meet in early May with the following remit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Consider and address the issues raised in discussion (see 3 above). Propose <i>Terms of Reference</i> for the Collaborative.</li> <li>ii) Consider the priorities for the Collaborative (see 4 above). Propose an <i>agenda</i> for Collaborative work.</li> <li>iii) Convene the <i>next Collaborative meeting</i>.</li> </ul> <p>5.2 Membership of the Steering Group was agreed as:  Andrew Black, Paul Brewis, Christine Brown, Nigel Goodfellow, Colin Jay, Martin Kerry, Kay Monaghan, Paul Salter</p>
Resources generated for inclusion	