

**North East Spiritual Healthcare Collaborative
Notes of
Steering Group Meeting
West Park Hospital Darlington
Wednesday 27 September 2006
1.30 p.m.**

Present: Andrew Black, Colin Jay, Martin Kerry, Paul Salter

1 Apologies for absence

Paul Brewis, Christine Brown, Nigel Goodfellow, Kay Monaghan,

- 2 Suggested way of working** – update from CHCC meeting 12 September
CJ reported that CHCC had agreed that it would be sensible to hold collaborative meetings to avoid the burden of additional meetings and overlapping business. It would though be important to be clear about agenda setting etc and it was agreed that MK would speak with Nigel Goodfellow, and arrange to invite Jonathon Perry to the next Steering Group meeting **Action MK,**

3 Update from Project Groups

Basic data and standards audit –CJ circulated a copy of notes of a meeting held on 20 September. He, Mary Warner and Christine Brown had met and the discussion had emphasised the importance of finding a way to demonstrate the value of chaplaincy services to healthcare commissioners. It was felt that this would best be achieved by a blend of case history /narrative and hard facts, and linked to areas of particular interest and challenge e.g. improving the patient experience. Whilst spiritual care featured in the new national Foundation Trust contract and the Healthcare Commission Developmental Standards, there were still concerns that this reflected a minimalist approach. **Action MK** to supply CJ with information he has on data collection in the N East

Mapping and sharing good practice –to remain on agenda , noting that some good practice will emerge from the above project group- but a mechanism for sharing will still need to be developed.

Future direction – due to sickness and annual leave group had not been able to meet but will do so on 6 October.

4 Caring for the Spirit Update.

Given the recent merger of SHAs S Yorkshire is now part of Yorkshire and The Humber SHA ; it was not yet clear who would be the lead for Caring for the Spirit (currently Derek Thompson).

A website has been set up www.NHS-chaplaincy-collaboratives.com to help share information , promote dialogue and discussion etc.

A national work stream will be looking at the shape and structure of chaplaincy services , including part time staff who are not part of larger teams. **Action MK** to circulate final brief when available

5 Agenda for the next collaborative meeting

Agreed to aim for January 2007 after discussions with CHCC re way of working.

6 Changes in service provision

Noted that NHS Trust in Worcester had recently taken steps to make all of it's chaplaincy team redundant apart from one; Newcastle PCT had withdrawn funding that supported a post in the Northumberland Tyne & Wear Trust; conversely Tees and Esk Valley were hoping to increase by 0.5 w.te and gain some part tome input from two Muslim chaplains.

7 Collaborative contact list

AB Advised that he had received a number of amendments, and CJ offered to advise him of some more. AB agreed to circulate the updated list. **Action AB and CJ**

8 Any other business

None

9 Date & time of next meeting

Steering Group- Tuesday 14 November at University Hospital N Tees 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.