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Dear Colleague,

The NHS South Central is launching a Caring for the Spirit Collaborative on the 21st March and would like to invite the participation of you and your Trust.

The meeting will be addressed by Katherine Fenton, Director of Clinical Standards for South Central SHA and the keynote speaker will be Dr Larry Culliford, asking the question "Spirituality and Health Care: Why, Who & How?" Dr Larry Culliford is Consultant Psychiatrist Sussex Partnership NHS Trust.

The objectives for the collaborative are to encourage the delivery a service of spiritual healthcare that will meet the needs of patients and staff in the reconfigured NHS. A collaborative approach to this work is felt to be an efficient way by which views of service users can be gathered, current best practice may be shared, educational needs identified and working partnerships developed. Formation of a collaborative of chaplains, their co-workers and stakeholders within an NHS strategic structure will also bring together health, faith and educational bodies within the area in a mutual partnership that will enable the support and development of spiritual healthcare.

I attach copies of the Caring for the Spirit Strategy and the associated guidance note on collaborative working for your information. I also attached an agenda and a booking form. I would be grateful if you would indicate your intention by returning the booking form duly completed.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss this development then please contact the Lead Chaplain, Revd Peter Ellmore on 01249 858920.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

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Revd Peter Ellmore
Lead Chaplain (South), NHS Caring for the Spirit Strategy.

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