



Caring for the Spirit

Developing a local Strategy for Spiritual Healthcare



Some Basic Considerations

- Drivers
 - Local Trust policy directions
 - What are upcoming developments?
 - Where is change forecasted?
 - How could spiritual healthcare be affected?
 - National NHS policy
 - eg
 - Standards for Better Health July 2004
 - Creating a Patient Led NHS March 2005



The Evidence Base

(Making sense of your perceptions – Your market research)

- (Inter)-National Research findings
 - Peer assessed journals etc.
 - CHCC journal, SACH journal etc
- Local Audit of Patient Services
 - What do your patients need?
 - e.g. SYSHA Foundation exercise of PPI June 2003
 - e.g. Patient Survey – Sheffield Teaching Hospitals
- What can/ should the service provide?
 - Breadth of skill
 - Resource limits/ constraints



Definition of the Service

- A Vision Statement
 - (what you want to be/ what your Trust wants you to be)
- A Clear Mission Statement
 - (what you/ your Trust want you to achieve)
- Defined SMART goals and objectives (for the service)
 - Specific
 - Measurable
 - Achievable
 - Realistic
 - Time-related
- Local Quality Standards
 - (agreed with your management)
- National Chaplaincy Standards (applied to your service)
 - NHS Chaplains Meeting the Religious Needs of patients & staff
 - NHS Caring for the Spirit Strategy
 - Healthcare Chaplaincy Occupational Standards
 - Spiritual Healthcare Quality Standards