

## Curating Chaplaincy: envisioning healthcare chaplaincy for the future

### A Day Conference as part of the 2018 Study Conference

The context for contemporary healthcare chaplaincy is one of rapid change. Growing secularisation, religious plurality, and the increasing delivery of healthcare in community settings, to name just a few, mean inherited models may no longer be fit for purpose. The 2018 CHCC Day Conference will explore how healthcare chaplaincy might respond and offer a vision of the knowledge and skills that chaplaincy will need not only to survive, but to thrive in the future.

### Keynote Speakers

**Chris Swift** is a former President of CHCC (2004-7) who worked for 20 years as a chaplain and departmental manager in three NHS trusts. The last of these was in Leeds, where he served as Head of Chaplaincy Services for 16 years. Chris completed his PhD study of chaplaincy in England in 2005 leading to his book, *Hospital Chaplaincy in the 21st Century* published by Ashgate in 2009. Chris has remained an active researcher into spiritual care and he has been involved in the delivery of teaching on several MA courses. In June 2017 Chris took up a new role as Director of Chaplaincy and Spirituality for Methodist Homes. This involves the leadership and development of the largest group of employed chaplains outside the public sector.

**Jo Bryant** is a PhD candidate at Cardiff University, affiliated with the Cardiff Centre for Chaplaincy Studies. Her research journey with healthcare chaplains began with a collaboration with Revd Dr Chris Swift to survey the use of a purpose built faith space at St James' Hospital in Leeds. She has presented her findings about chaplaincy at the annual conferences for the British and Irish Association for Practical Theology and the British Sociological Association's Sociology of Religion Study Group. Jo has recently completed a placement with NHS England as Spiritual Support Officer, focusing on models of best practice for providing spiritual care to minority faith service users in mental health settings.

*This day conference, and in particular the second keynote address, has been designed for part-time minority-faith and non-religious chaplains, along with part-time/volunteer chaplain and any other chaplains unable to attend the full conference. You will be joined on the day by those attending the full 3 day conference.*

**Costs: £85 for CHCC members**  
(please see booking form for full booking options)

The College of Health Care Chaplains is a professional organisation  
for chaplains of all faith and belief groups operating within

# Day Conference Timetable

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

	Worship
08:15	Breakfast
09:15-10:30	<b>AGM</b>
10:30	Refreshments
11:00-12:00	<b>Enabling chaplains to know what they need to know</b> <i>Chris Swift</i>  <i>A session exploring routes into chaplaincy education; the experience of developing and managing MA courses; Clinical Pastoral Education and reflective practice.</i>
12:30	Lunch
13:45-14:45	<b>Workshops</b>
14:45	Refreshments
15:30-16:30	<b>Making the most of what we know</b> <i>Jo Bryant</i>  <i>Drawing on research looking at the integration of minority faith groups in acute healthcare chaplaincy, this session will examine how chaplaincy is constructed locally and nationally through processes of professionalisation and boundary negotiation. It will also explore the ways in which chaplains actively contribute to these processes.</i>
16:30-17:30	<b>Workshops</b>
If staying on for the evening:	
18:15	Drinks Reception
18:45	College Dinner
20:00	Optional Bibliodrama Session

