



CHCC COLLEGE OF
HEALTH CARE
CHAPLAINS

2018 Study Conference
11-13 September
High Leigh Conference Centre
Lord St, Hoddesdon EN11 8SG

Curating Chaplaincy: envisioning healthcare chaplaincy for the future

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 Study 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 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.

Costs: £275 for CHCC members
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The College of Health Care Chaplains is a professional
organisation for chaplains of all faith and belief groups operating within



Keynote addresses

What do chaplains need to know? Chris Swift

In the 21st century, in a context of evolving secularisation & religious diversity, this session explores what chaplains need to know in order to work effectively across both health & social care.

Enabling chaplains to know what they need to know. Chris Swift

A session exploring routes into chaplaincy education; the experience of developing and managing MA courses; Clinical Pastoral Education and reflective practice

Making the most of what we know. Jo Bryant

Drawing on research into the integration of minority faith groups in acute healthcare chaplaincy, this session will examine how chaplaincy is constructed locally & nationally through processes of professionalisation & boundary negotiation and explore the ways in which chaplains actively contribute to these processes.

What will we need to know in the future? Chris Swift

The 2021 census is likely to show further change in the demographics of belief in the UK. At the same time the age profile and number of people living with complex health needs is also predicted to rise. The session explores the kind of future chaplains need to prepare for and proposes new forms of education and training.

Draft Conference Timetable

Tuesday 11th September 2018: Day 1

12:00+	Arrivals and Registration
12:45	Lunch
13:45-14:15	Post lunch coffee drop in session for first conference attendees
14:30-15:00	Welcome and Introduction
15:00-16:00	What do chaplains need to know? <i>Chris Swift</i>
16:00	Refreshments
16:45-17:45	Workshops
18:30	Dinner
19:45+	MH Chaplains Gathering and Forum AGM

Wednesday 12th September 2018: Day 2

08:15	Breakfast
09:15-10:30	AGM
10:30	Refreshments
11:00-12:00	Enabling chaplains to know what they need to know. <i>Chris Swift</i>
12:30	Lunch
13:45-14:45	Workshops
14:45	Refreshments
15:30-16:30	Making the most of what we know. <i>Jo Bryant</i>
16:30-17:30	Workshops
18:15	Drinks Reception
18:45	College Dinner
20:00	Optional Bibliodrama Session

Thursday 13th September 2018: Day 3

08:15	Breakfast
09:30-10:30	Current Concerns Panel
10:30	Refreshments
11:00-12:00	What will we need to know in the future? <i>Chris Swift</i>
12:00	Concluding remarks
12:45	Lunch and Departure

