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Intensive PRP Course – Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

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Dear Colleague,

Once again I am delighted to send you details of another Intensive PRP Course we are running from Addenbrooke's from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (inclusive) and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (inclusive). **These sessions are being run virtually via Zoom.**

We have run this course for several years now, and the overwhelming feedback from participants is that they have found it extremely fruitful and enriching both in terms of personal and professional development and in thinking about personal, interpersonal and systemic dynamics. It is based on the Cambridge model of Reflective Practice, which has drawn on the tradition of Clinical Pastoral Education with a strong emphasis on Theological engagement.

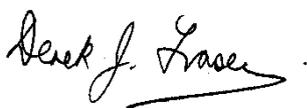
If you or any of your staff, are interested in developing your pastoral skills through working and reflecting on your practice in depth, then please be in touch for more details.

This course has been well received and reviewed by a rich and diverse range of Chaplains representing a breadth of faith communities and contexts (please see comments overleaf) and provides an excellent opportunity for Chaplains to hone and refine their skills.

I enclose some general publicity about the course and a booking form for anyone who would like to take part.

If you would like to talk more about this then do please ring, write or email us.

With all good wishes,



(The Revd. Dr. Derek Fraser)

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### **Comments from previous course participants:**

*“I found this course extremely useful. The structured approach to healthcare chaplaincy is just what is needed for work which has potential to rely mainly on intuition. To bring our own theological thinking to the task is not only enlightening but also confidence-building as we realise that this is how God works through us to reach others.”*

#### **(Mental Health Chaplain)**

*“Personally the PRP was a tremendous experience and the right way forward in order to help me enhance my learning skills as a healthcare chaplain. I believe that I picked up a lot of important factors throughout the course by means of verbatim and video work tools.*

*The verbatim tool has helped me broaden my view and made me more alert when approached with scenarios, looking at the wider picture. This was primarily because the tool included critiquing situations from different view points reflecting on the practice. I think this is a great reflective practice tool to use within a team which can help improve and develop on learning skills and experience.*

*The video work was also a good tool which helped me study my weaknesses and strengths. Looking back at the videos gave me the opportunity to reflect and improve on my weak points. The course was much appreciated.”*

#### **(Muslim Imam Chaplain)**

*“The PRP course was an invaluable opportunity to look practically at difficult and sensitive issues brought by chaplains, in a way which sharpened our awareness of how we are perceived and helped us define more precisely the service we offer. We can improve that service by thinking theologically about the Christian faith and asking some very difficult questions of ourselves and of others, and this was indeed facilitated. The verbatim and video tools were mixed with informal team discussions and ward visiting in an established and relaxed professional environment.”*

#### **(Hospice Chaplain)**

*“I believe that this model of training and development is vital for health care chaplains both personally and professionally. The insight members of my team have gained from this experience has helped them to be more aware of their appreciation that they are health care professionals, bringing particular knowledge and skills to the care setting”.*

#### **(Chaplaincy Manager)**