

Achieving excellence

Mark Burleigh and Jane Flint

Using group activities the workshop will ask the participants to describe their ideas of perfect chaplaincy service. It will then encourage them to explore how to overcome the obstacles to achieving such a vision. We will seek to identify a small number of big impact changes which will benefit our patients and ourselves – and how to make these happen.

'Blether' - Where listening to each other really matters

Keith Morrison

This is brief explanation and a taster session of a way of engaging palliative patients with the issues that really matter to them.

It was originally devised for NHS Education for Scotland, and Keith has found 'Blether' invaluable as part of the care of Day Therapy patients at the hospice where he works as Chaplain.

Please come along for a 'Blether' to find out more.

Creative supervision

Bob Whorton

An opportunity to explore supervision which is not totally reliant on the verbal. We will use different creative methods - e.g. small world, pictures, chair-work, acrostics. Come prepared to participate!

Ethics

Mia Holborn

The workshop will be looking at the foundations of clinical ethical decision making, sharing some basic tools. We will rehearse some ethical medical dilemmas around end of life care.

Jewish insights and resources for spiritual care

Markus Lange

The Jewish community is as diverse as any other religious or cultural community - and it has always been. Accommodating and fostering diversity in theological engagement is one of the hallmarks of the Rabbinic tradition. This approach has brought forth a variety of spiritual resources.

One the one hand, this workshop will illustrated Jewish ways of adopting of and adapting to cultural and spiritual influences throughout the ages. On the other hand, you'll be invited to explore a few key rabbinic concepts and poetic reflections on Jewish themes. You will also be introduced to Jewish tools for your spiritual care delivery and reflective practice.

How do we recruit healthcare chaplains?

Mia Holborn

We don't easily, is the short answer. Mia will share about her story over the last 2 years, being unable to recruit two new chaplains. We will look at job descriptions, person specs and equality impact assessments.

Finding our voice in the MDT

Sally Bedborough & Liza Waller

This will be an opportunity to share some of the difficulties and challenges we face in finding our voice in the MDT when it can feel an uphill struggle and we can feel quite alone.

Hopefully we can also celebrate ways we do manage to have our voices heard and find inspiration and encouragement to keep hanging in there!

Liza and Sally will start us off speaking from their own contexts and then facilitate open discussion.

Meditation using music and poetry

David Buck

The individual in diversity - using live music and poetry I will lead a meditation during which participants can listen, reflect, write... concluding with a drawing together of thoughts, sharing insights and discussion.

New chaplains' workshop

Karen Murphy

This will be a facilitated group discussion drawing out the concerns of those new to chaplaincy and exploring how these may be addressed. It won't necessarily give all the answers, but will at least give space to explore the issues with experienced as well as new chaplains.

Training materials for NRPSN volunteers

Simon O'Donoghue

The workshop will provide you with the opportunity to learn more about how the Non-Religious Pastoral Support Network induction/assessment weekend was developed, as well as providing you with detail about the content covered in the different units.