

The Spiritual Healthcare Network

Making space for spirituality in healthcare

Membership

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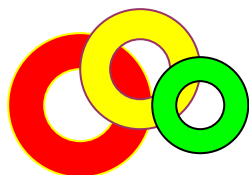
- Health professionals from all disciplines
 - Chaplains and spiritual healthcare providers in the East of England NHS
- The East of England Strategic Health Authority
- Specifically invited health professionals [for occasional, theme-related items]
 - Patient and Public Involvement

Meetings

At least twice yearly

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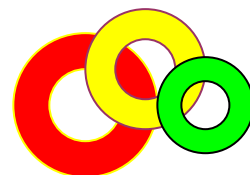


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The Spiritual Healthcare Network is here to,

1. **Influence and support health policies which affect spiritual healthcare provision**, and to be a moral, ethical and spiritual voice on these.
2. **Provide a strategic view of spiritual healthcare training** and learning needs and to interpret national strategies in healthcare as they affect the role, contribution, and practice of spirituality in healthcare.
3. **Create awareness of spiritual healthcare needs** within the East of England and to facilitate multi-disciplinary thinking and working at regional and local levels.
4. **Provide a forum** to share good practice, resources, ideas, training and helpful links.



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Caring for the Spirit

Spirituality represents an individual's sense of humanity, providing meaning and direction. Of course, for some people it takes a more formal, religious expression, but it need not.

Spiritual healthcare practice in the modern NHS-

- Helps people find a sense of meaning in their experience;
- Upholds, acknowledges and witnesses to the unique and infinite value of the person in our care;
- Helps people to maintain or find a sense of purpose;
- Keeps hope alive;
- Fosters a sense of caring for the spirit.

Spirituality, in relation to healing, wholeness and healthcare, is most often an exploration of the things of the heart and mind.

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There is growing interest in the place and purpose of spirituality in healthcare.

Whether you are a commissioner, a planner, a manager, or healthcare practitioner, the fact that you are reading this leaflet shows that you may already recognise the contribution of spirituality in healthcare to patients and service users in the NHS.

Together, the Spiritual Healthcare Network and you can bring a more effective contribution and focus on spirituality in the NHS at all levels.

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Improving the spiritual healthcare experience of patients, service users and all staff

A professional focus on spirituality in healthcare

Call 01223 218598

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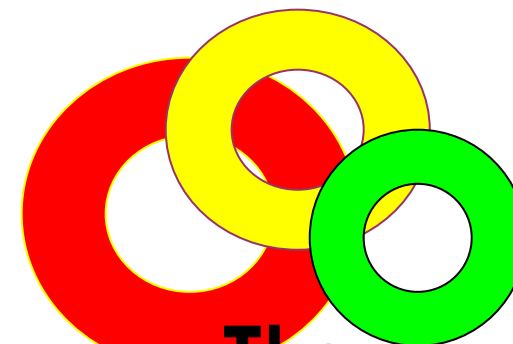
If you ~

- **Recognise** that spirituality needs to be part of any whole-person, person-centred approach in healthcare;
- **Acknowledge** that everyone has spiritual needs;
- **Acknowledge** the place and importance of spirituality, religious practice and culture in the lives of others;
- **Want to be doing something proactively** to develop and enhance spiritual healthcare in the NHS ~

Then join the spiritual healthcare network or support its membership.

Just call 01223 218598

Alternatively, contact Chaplaincy or the PALS team at your nearest NHS hospital or centre



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in the East of England

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Supported by the NHS East of England Strategic Health Authority