Pastoral Reflective Practice: An Innovative Course for Healthcare Chaplains

Drawing on wisdom from a range of different models (including Clinical Pastoral Education) and developed by a team of chaplains experienced in both clinical/pastoral work & training at many different levels

PRP Level 1:
For chaplains who are keen to enhance their pastoral and reflective skills as part of their own personal and professional development and to deepen theological dimensions of their work/ministry and (thereby) improve their provision of spiritual care.

Course modes: In order to provide maximum flexibility the course is offered in several modes.

The intensive: A full-time block of 10 days completed in two parts (80 hours) at the Centre. On-site accommodation can be arranged if needed (at the going rate)

The integrated: One day a week (Wednesday) at the Centre over a consecutive 10 week period (80 hours total) from January – May 2014.

Each mode includes facilitated learning and reflection based on material presented from participant’s practice within his/her own hospital setting.

Course content:
Level 1:
- regular PRP group (facilitated);
- 1:1 supervision;
- video work;
- guided reading;
- presentation and reflection of pastoral experience;
- project or essay;
- exploration of key theological themes.

Core themes:
- The nature of hope;
- the question of suffering (theodicy and providence);
- grief and loss;
- mental health and illness;
- communicating without words;
- ministering in a religious and secular environment;
- conflict and difference;
- group process;
- institutional dynamics.

PRP is a brilliant way to put into practice what you learn straight away. It is applied, relevant, stimulating, challenging and stretching and I would encourage anyone who has the time to do this to sign up straight away.

(Quote from a student chaplain)

I find PRP very helpful: I am genuinely surprised at what can be learned from ‘chewing over’ even a very short encounter… I feel more prepared for working with patients in a range of contexts and it has been invaluable to learn from those with more experience and insight in different pastoral situations.

(Quote from a volunteer chaplain)

Cost: £600

This course will provide participants with the opportunity to develop in terms of their personal identity (becoming more of who they are/have been called to be); their pastoral/professional identity (their role and work as chaplains) and spiritual identity (their relationship with God within their particular faith tradition).

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