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 and 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 one offered this year (2019) is 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 to May offered possibly in 2020. Each mode includes facilitated learning and reflection based on material presented from participant’s practice within his/her own hospital setting.

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).

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.

Cost: £600

“For 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

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