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Welcome

Welcome to Bulletin 25 from the Multi-Faith Group for Healthcare Chaplaincy. In this edition, is information about progress with the project on authorisation and regulation.

Postponement of public consultation on proposals for a regulatory Council for Healthcare Chaplaincy

As you know from the recent Bulletin 24, the Project Board had postponed its planned summer consultation about these proposals in order to have a wider and informal discussion with chaplains and others as a prelude to public consultation.

The Project Board has now considered how best this pre-consultation discussion should be undertaken and concluded that it should be left until there are unified proposals for discussion. The MFGHC group undertaking discussions with UKBHC has recently been strengthened and it would be appropriate for this initiative to be given time to achieve progress.

There will therefore be no pre-consultation discussion or public consultation on the MFGHC's regulation proposals.

Project progress to date

The MFGHC's project has stressed the importance of authorisation by faith and belief communities. The contact details of the Authorisation Bodies have been published to the NHS.

The project has also identified the elements of a regulatory framework which would appear to equate with best regulatory practice for healthcare chaplaincy.

These elements are available on the MFGHC website at www.mfghc.com/regulation.

The views of chaplains

Although the project has received helpful and informed comment from a range of chaplains, the Project Board hoped that it could elicit a wider and more general view about regulation and its detail.

To this end, the Project Board is undertaking a short survey which it is hoped that chaplains will complete and submit.

The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MFGHC>

Or can be completed using the file attached to this Bulletin which should be returned to the project officer at PO Box 2261, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 6WE.

The results of the survey will be reported to the Reference Group in November and made available on the MFGHC website.

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