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Welcome

Welcome to bulletin 27 from the Multi Faith Group for Healthcare Chaplaincy. In this edition is information from the December executive and January council meetings.

Event to mark Inter Faith Week 2011

To celebrate Inter Faith Week 2011 a reception at Church House followed by seminar at Portcullis House. The event was attended by healthcare chaplains representing eight world faith communities as well as Lord Sheikh Cornhill, Rt. Revd Nigel Stock, the Bishop of Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Dr. Harriet Crabtree, Director of National Interfaith Network UK, Mr. Barry Mussenden, the head of Equality and Partnership at the Department of Health, Revd Toby Howarth, Archbishop of Canterbury's Secretary for Interreligious Affairs, Dr. Shuja Shafi, Deputy Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain, Revd Micheal Heaney, president of Churches Together in England, Sri Brij Mohan Gupta, President of National Council of Hindu Temples UK and a number of other Faith Community leaders. The Secretary of State for Health Rt. Hon. Andrew Lansley MP sent apologies.

The highlight of the event was hearing from chaplains from a variety of faith communities who spoke on their distinct contribution in the delivery of the spiritual and religious care. These speakers included: Sandra Ballaster (Bahá'í), Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, Keith Munnings (Buddhist) Birmingham Central Hospital, Father Nigel Griffin (Christian), Senior Catholic Chaplain Imperial College NHS, Pt. Rakesh Bhatt (Hindu), Sandwell Dudley Hospital, Mr Harinder Maan (Sikh), Mr. Madhu Rawji (Jain), Rabbi Zorach Meir Salasnik (Jewish), Imam Yunus Dudhwala, (Muslim) Lead Chaplain, Newham Teaching Hospital. A full report may be found at <http://www.mfghc.com/> on the Latest News page.

Conversations with UKBHC

These conversations continue and meetings are planned for February and March.

Authorisation and regulation project

This project will finish in March 2012. The resulting documentation from the meeting in the autumn on Code of Conduct has gone back to UKBHC for comment.

Research

A research project has been commissioned in collaboration with the Centre for Chaplaincy Studies, Cardiff entitled *What part does faith play in healthcare?*

The views of chaplains

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

The results of the survey will be reported at the meeting of the reference group in November 2011 and made available on the Multi Faith Group Healthcare Chaplaincy website.

Authorisation bodies

The authorisation bodies will meet on 24th April 2012 to review progress.

Education

The Education report has been delayed until May 2012

Communicating the work of the MFGHC

The MFGHC has established a website (www.mfghc.com) where its work will be highlighted. It intends to publish an e-bulletin about its progress every four months. For routine communication, the administrator can be contacted at MFGHC, 27 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HH. Tel: 020 7529 8132
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