

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

21st July 2004

Present: Mr Ron Maddox (in the chair)
Mr Sital Singh Maan
Rabbi Martin van den Bergh

In attendance: Tim Battle

SC 1/04 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Revd Robert Evans, Ms Andrea Groom, Mr Manhar Mehta, Mr Kishor Ruparelia and Revd. Preb. Peter Speck.

SC 2/04 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2003 were agreed.

SC 3/04 A handbook for part-time chaplains (ref. min 9/03)

The Committee noted that the Education Committee had taken this idea forward and that a trawl letter for resources about multi-faith chaplaincy had now been circulated. Several very helpful replies had been received and a sub committee was meeting in the autumn to review these resources further.

SC 4/04 The size of healthcare institutions and their related standards (ref min 13/03)

It was noted that work was continuing to assess whether there were more than two or three sizes of institution for which standards should be set. A report would be made in due course.

SC 5/04 Chaplaincy ratios (ref min 14/03)

It was reported that the Council had discussed this item at length at its May meeting and agreed to review it again in a more general discussion about the work plan for 2005

SC 6/04 Standards for Better Health: Health Care Standards for services under the NHS – A consultation by the Department of Health

The Committee noted that the Council's comment on the Department of Health consultation paper has been made to the effect that spiritual healthcare should be included as an NHS standard. This comments appeared to have been well received.

SC 7/04 The Standards Awayday

Ron Maddox reported that 12 people had taken part in the standards awayday held in Birmingham at the end of March. Three groups had been formed under Tim Battle, Peter Speck and Christine Pocock and had drafted spiritual healthcare standards for consolidation and subsequent approval.

The Committee congratulated those concerned on their hard work and significant achievement.

SC 8/04 Standards for Spiritual Healthcare

The Committee received for comment draft standards prepared by the small group which had met in Birmingham in March. Comments were made on various standards which were then commended to Council for approval.

SC 9/04 Consultative programme for draft standards of spiritual healthcare

The Committee recommended that, subject to any comments in detail made by the Council and once the Department of Health framework was published, the draft standards should be subject to a consultation with NHS and Chaplaincy Bodies.

It was agreed that there would need to be guidance both about methodology and about the coverage expected of the standards.

SC 10/04 NICE guidelines and palliative care standards

Tim Battle reported that the NICE guidelines on palliative care included references to competences in spiritual care. These were supported generally and had been prepared by Marie Curie Cancer Care.

SC 10/04 Date of next meeting

It was agreed to meet again on Monday 10th January 2005 and Wednesday 11th May 2005 at Church House.

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