

Spiritual Care for Oncology and Haematology Patients



"We are here to offer compassionate care and spiritual support to all; to be alongside people through life's experiences"

Need a person to talk with?

Need a quiet space?

Need a hand to hold?

We offer an opportunity to express your thoughts and feelings and we show compassionate care to everyone, whatever their beliefs or spirituality.

Chaplains are part of the hospital team that offers holistic care to each patient and their families or carers. They help people to find meaning for their lives despite the cancer. Chaplains are here to listen to patients at any stage in the treatment or when treatment is finished.

We believe that there is a spiritual side to every person. This may involve a religious faith or not, and it is that which gives our lives meaning and hope, especially in difficult times.

We can support patients and their carers by:

- helping them reflect on significant events in their past, whether they are positive areas or painful memories
- helping the patient to face the future with confidence, encouraging them to make decisions that are appropriate to them
- discussing matters of faith with the patient or arranging a visit from a representative of another faith
- offering prayer or sacraments
- being a shoulder to cry on or simply a hand to hold.

The Chapel and Chapel Garden, Centre Block, Level 1

Patients, relatives, friends and staff often visit the chapel and find it a peaceful place where they are able to sit, reflect, pray and perhaps light a candle for a loved one. We also have a courtyard garden where you can sit outside and listen to the sound of water and enjoy some fresh air. Everyone is welcome.

How To Contact Us

Chaplains can be contacted:

- On the hospital extension 3470, or on 01603 287470 from outside the hospital. Please leave a message on the answer machine and we'll phone you back as soon as we can.
- Outside the chapel there is a letter box where messages and/or your referral slip can be left.
- If you are an inpatient and would like to speak to the Chaplaincy please tell your nurse who will be able to contact us



Referral Slip

Chaplains are willing to arrange to meet you at a time of your convenience and at a place in the hospital where you feel comfortable. This might be a day room, the chapel quiet room or one of the hospital restaurants.

Name of person (patient or carer) who would like to contact a chaplain:

How can we contact you?

Any relevant information?