

Frequently asked Questions

Is there a charge for the course?

There is not a charge for the course, but if you are able to help us cover the costs of tea, coffee, photocopying etc. we would very much appreciate it. There will be a donations box each week.

Where do we park and how much does it cost?

We're sorry but there are no special arrangements for parking. There are usually spaces in the main car park (pay on exit). For three hours the charge is £3.50

Where is the George Eliot Chaplaincy Centre?

From the main entrance, turn right after WH Smith. Walk past X-ray and turn left. The entrance to the chaplaincy is on the left, just before you come to Solomon Macey Endoscopy unit.

Do I have to come to all the sessions?

It's best if you can. Each session gives essential information for ward visiting. **Completing the course is a requirement because a chaplaincy visitor needs the particular skills and natural aptitude for the sensitivities of bedside visiting.**

I'm interested but not sure if I really want to become a visitor.

Then this course may still be for you! There is no initial expectation of commitment and it may help you decide. We suggest you come and have a chat with us beforehand to help you work out if you would like to take part.

Hospital Chaplaincy Visiting



A Training course run by experienced chaplains and chaplaincy visitors for anyone interested in spiritual and pastoral care for people in hospital, both in mental health and acute settings

Monday Mornings

30th September – 18th November 2019

**in the Chaplaincy Centre
George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton, CV10 7DJ**

Healthcare chaplaincy exists to offer support, spiritual care or simply a listening ear. We're there for everyone, whatever their background, whether they have a religious tradition or not.

The Chaplaincy Visitor course is led by mental health and acute chaplains and other medical professionals from across the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust and the George Eliot Hospital.

All sessions will begin at 10.00 a.m. and end by 12 noon.

Hospital chaplaincy visitors are a vital part of the spiritual and pastoral care in hospitals. The George Eliot chaplaincy team visit on a Tuesday. They attend the same ward each week and work with a partner. Chaplaincy visitors offer a listening ear and share with patients, family and friends, information about the resources and services of the Chaplains.

If you would like to become one of the chaplaincy visitors for the George Eliot hospital or for the Partnership Trust (mental health) you will be invited to an interview with one of the chaplains who will need to take references from your faith leader (or equivalent) and someone else who knows you. These interviews will take place at the end of the course. The hospital will also conduct a DBS check.

However, you are most welcome to participate in the course if you simply want to explore pastoral care and learn to develop some skills to use in any setting. **The course is for people of any faith.**

To confirm your place on the course please contact :

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Programme

Each session will include an introductory act of reflection, several interactive listening exercises, a teaching session on the subject and opportunities for you to explore and deepen your understanding of the topic.

Monday 30th September

Introducing Healthcare Chaplaincy

Monday 7th October

Listening to me, listening to you

Monday 14th October

Listening to people with mental health issues

Monday 21st October

Listening to people who are dying
and understanding palliative care

There will be no session on 28th October

Monday November 4th

Listening to people who are bereaved

Monday November 11th

Listening to people's spiritual, religious and pastoral needs
- understanding person-centred care

Monday November 18th

The perfect chaplaincy visitor—could it be you?

- *During the course it will be expected that you will join the chaplaincy visiting team on one Tuesday to go on a ward for a bedside visiting experience.*
- *We will be making a visit to Stanley and Pembleton Elderley Mental Health Wards on Thursday 14th November at 10.30. You are warmly invited to join us.*