Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy Services
Information for patients, relatives and carers

ℹ️ For more information, please contact:

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Telephone: 01904 725579
The York Hospital
Wigginton Road, York, YO31 8HE

The Chaplaincy Team in Scarborough
Telephone: 01723 342500
Scarborough Hospital
Woodlands Drive, Scarborough, YO12 6QL

Or email rachel.bailes@york.nhs.uk

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Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy

Our aim is to provide spiritual and pastoral support to patients, visitors and staff. We hope to assist people to find strength and meaning in their experience of illness, anxiety or bereavement.

You do not have to be ‘religious’ to talk to a chaplain, or to visit the chapel.

We believe that spiritual well-being and pastoral care are important in promoting health and healing. As such, we are committed to caring for everyone in the hospital community. We believe that privacy, dignity and confidentiality should be respected and maintained.

The Trust Chaplaincy Team

The chaplaincy teams are based at York and Scarborough hospitals and chaplaincy services are also provided at other hospital sites across the Trust.

We have chaplaincy volunteers that visit the wards regularly. As a team, we are committed to caring for people regardless of race, religion, creed, sexual orientation, gender or culture.
York Hospital Chaplaincy

You are welcome to visit the chapel, which is situated on the ground floor of the hospital between Junctions 4 and 5 at any time. It is open to all as a place of quiet reflection and prayer. In the chapel you are welcome to place a prayer on the Prayer Tree using the paper leaves provided. Prayer space is available for those who do not wish to use the main chapel space.

Worship times

Morning prayers are held Monday to Friday between 9.15 and 9.30am.

On Sundays at 11am there is a service with hymns in the hospital chapel (this is usually Holy Communion and lasts around half an hour).

There are volunteers available to assist patients in wheelchairs on Sundays. Please ask the ward team to contact the chaplaincy team by 9am on the day.

Bedside communion and prayers can be given during the week and on Sundays by our ecumenical team. Please ask the ward team to arrange this for you.

Friday Prayers (Jummah) are held in the prayer room at the rear of the chapel area. Please consult the Islamic calendar in the prayer room for details.
Scarborough Hospital Chaplaincy

You are welcome to visit the chapel between 6am and 10.30pm. It is situated on the ground floor of the hospital, just behind the main reception desk. The Chapel is open to all as a place of quiet reflection and prayer. A small prayer room is also available for those who do not wish to use the main chapel space.

Worship times

A service of Holy Communion takes place in the chapel each Friday at 1.10pm, all are welcome.

Bedside communion and prayers can be given during the week and on Sundays. Please ask the ward team to arrange this for you.

Friday Prayers (Jummah) are held in the ground floor of the Doctor’s Mess at 1.00pm.
Books and literature

We have copies of Holy Scriptures or devotional texts for you to use in both hospitals, available on request.

Visiting Requests and Referrals

We welcome referrals from staff, faith leaders, patients, relatives and carers. Referral forms are available on the table in both chapel foyers. Alternatively please ask ward staff to inform the chaplaincy office that a visit is required.

Contacting the Chaplaincy Team

If you need to contact the hospital chaplaincy team with a *non-urgent* message, you can call us on:

York Hospital: 01904 725579 or 01904 725678

Scarborough Hospital: 01723 342500

An answer machine is available for you to leave a message.

If you need to call the hospital chaplaincy team *urgently*, you can contact the on-call chaplain through the hospital switchboard:

York Hospital: 01904 631313

Scarborough Hospital: 01723 368111
Tell us what you think of this leaflet

We hope that you found this leaflet helpful. If you would like to tell us what you think, please contact:
The Reverend Rachel Bailes, Lead Chaplain, Hospital Chaplaincy department, The York Hospital, Wigginton Road, York, YO31 8HE, telephone 01904 725579 or email rachel.bailes@york.nhs.uk

Teaching, Training and Research

Our Trust is committed to teaching, training and research to support the development of health and healthcare in our community. Healthcare students may observe consultations for this purpose. You can opt out if you do not want students to observe. We may also ask you if you would like to be involved in our research.

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

PALS offers impartial advice and assistance to patients, their relatives, friends and carers. We can listen to feedback (positive or negative), answer questions and help resolve any concerns about Trust services.

PALS can be contacted on 01904 726262, or email pals@york.nhs.uk.

An answer phone is available out of hours.
Providing care together in York, Scarborough, Bridlington, Malton, Selby and Easingwold communities

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