

The Directors of the UKBHC met on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The following summary points are shared for information.

- The Board discussed a number of requirements from the Professional Standards Authority relating to the UKBHC maintaining Accredited Register Status. In particular, updates to the annual CPD return were agreed. Please see the [information for registrants and members](#) provided by the registration lead that is on the UKBHC website for full details of changes.
- The Board agreed to source a new payment process for annual fees recognising that the current system has led to delays. We will try and have this in place for early 2025, but that may not be possible.
- Sarah Crane was welcomed as the new Chair of the UKBHC having been elected at an extra-ordinary meeting of the Board in November. There is an introductory message from Sarah below.
- Issues relating to chaplaincy courses at Newman were discussed. The Board recognised that it had continued to list Newman as an accredited course despite Newman not having completed the necessary paperwork. The Registration Lead will be in contact with individuals this has affected.

### Greetings from the New Chair



I have been Head of Chaplaincy at Milton Keynes Hospital since 2020 and have been part of various wider chaplaincy groups including the NHS England Heads of Patient Experience network and its chaplaincy working group. I am delighted to become Chair of the UK Board and am enthusiastic about taking things forward alongside the Board which includes a number of new directors in post this year. We have had a challenging couple of years as an organisation and are looking to spend the year ahead consolidating and re-energising the work of the UK Board. I

am looking forward to engaging with healthcare chaplains from across the four nations of the UK. The Board normally meets four times a year. We plan to send out a Board Bulletin summary after each one. In addition, between each Board meeting, my aim is to send a short update email to keep registrants and members informed on progress on workstreams etc. My hope is that in doing all of these things, registrants, members and the wider chaplaincy community can regain confidence in the professionalism of the Board and its aspiration to see Healthcare Chaplaincy a fully integrated registered profession. If you would like to be in contact with me regarding the work of the Board please email me at [chair@ukbhc.org.uk](mailto:chair@ukbhc.org.uk).

## CPD Opportunities

### ***Research First Journal Club***

The UKBHC has approved up to 3 CPD points/hours [one CPD point for attending the session and one CPD point each for completing before (part 1) and after (part 2) [this research article reflection sheet](#).] Dates for the next three months are:

- Thursday 30th January 2025, 14:00 - 15:15, exploring: Kentish-Barnes, Nancy. et al., 'A three-step support strategy for relatives of patients dying in the intensive care unit: a cluster randomised trial', *The Lancet*, vol 399, Issue 10325, Pages 656-664 [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(21\)02176-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(21)02176-0).
- Tuesday 25th February 2025, 14:00 - 15:15, exploring: Sadras, V., et al. (2024). [Exploring Patients' and Chaplains' Perspectives About a Spiritual Care Program in the Primary Care Setting](#). *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 39(8), 1400–1406. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11606-024-08669-y>
- Monday 31st March 2025, 14:00 - 15:15, article not yet chosen

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### ***Pop-Up Reflective Practice***

The UKBHC [Spiritual Care Competences for Healthcare Chaplains \(2020\)](#) document recognises reflective practice as one of four domains of healthcare chaplaincy competence. These pop-up sessions facilitated by Mark Stobert, a previous UKBHC Chair, are open to anyone to join. The UKBHC has approved 1 CPD point/hour for attending the session and chaplains are encouraged to use this [reflection sheet](#) before the session to help think about things they may wish to discuss and to record learning afterwards. Agreed dates for 2025 are:

- January Tuesday 28th 12:00 to 13:00
- February Wednesday 26th 11:30 to 12:30

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