



**Northern
Ireland
Hospice**

Patient Information

Chaplaincy Service



The chaplains are part of the hospice team who support you, your family and friends while you are in our care. We are here to help you with your hopes and fears as you cope with the progression of your illness.

The Chaplaincy Team

The Hospice chaplains are available to patients and families of any or no faith. Our support to you is based on respecting your beliefs and how you find yourself in the midst of your illness.

We recognise we all have common aspects in life that become more important when we are ill - relationships, activities and the things that bring meaning and purpose to our daily lives, trying to make sense out of what is happening to us, facing the unknown and perhaps even wondering where God is in the midst of everything. These are all aspects of our 'spirituality'.

We can spend time with you, listen to your story and explore with you any issues that may be troubling you within the context of your belief system.

We also have designated Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist chaplains.

These chaplains visit weekly. They take it in turn to conduct a short ecumenical prayer service which is held at noon Monday-Friday and 3pm on Sunday in the Hospice Sanctuary. On Saturdays the catholic chaplain visits to offer individual religious care.

The chaplains are willing to assist you with your religious practice. If you have any specific religious requests (e.g. Holy Communion) we will endeavor to arrange this for you. With your consent we will contact your clergy or faith leader who is very welcome to visit.

We have information on all religious groups, faith communities and the humanist society and how they can be contacted.

Hospice Sanctuary

The Hospice Sanctuary is available for you and your family at any time. It can be used to carry out your religious practice or as a place for reflection and tranquillity. If you wish to use the Sanctuary for a specific reason please let us know so it can be arranged. Feel free to write in the 'Book for Thoughts and Prayers' and to take some of the literature on display.

If you need to speak to a chaplain at any time please ask a member of the Hospice team who will contact us.

Support when you leave Hospice

The chaplains can offer you support after you leave Hospice through day hospice or home visits.

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There is no charge for hospice care. It is available on the basis of need. We depend mainly upon legacies and donations to provide this service. From making a donation, to taking part in an event, or leaving us a gift in your Will, find out how you can help more patients receive the care and support they need. Visit **nihospice.org** or contact our fundraising team on **028 9078 1836** or email **fundraising@nihospice.org**

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