

## HEALTH CARE CHAPLAINCY PARTNERSHIPS: KEY POINTS <sup>1</sup>

1. If an approach is made to a County Ecumenical Officer for advice in the formation of a hospital/ health care chaplaincy partnership, the chaplain making the approach should be asked also to inform and involve the nominating church authorities.
2. If an approach is made to a person with national or diocesan responsibility for hospital chaplaincy for advice in the formation of a hospital/health care chaplaincy partnership, the chaplain making the approach should be asked to inform and involve the appropriate County Ecumenical Officer.
3. It is appropriate for an Intermediate Body as Sponsoring Body to instigate a review of a Hospital Chaplaincy Partnership as stipulated in the Partnership's Covenant Declaration, but this should always be done in consultation with the nominating church authorities and the employing health authority.
4. Any review for a hospital chaplaincy partnership must be sure to include at least one person with an understanding of the health service/hospital trust scheme. A review should in effect enable the chaplains to review themselves, but should also elicit findings of value to nominating, sponsoring and employing authorities as well, that might have a wider application.

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