



CENTRE FOR  
PAEDIATRIC  
SPIRITUAL CARE

# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to this month's CPSC newsletter. As you may remember for the last couple of months we have been running a survey to find out what you think about the CPSC. Thank you to everyone who responded, it was helpful to hear what you think. Here are some of the results....

We asked respondents to rate how helpful the CPSC is out of 10. The average of all the responses was 7 out of 10.

People told us that the most useful aspects of the CPSC were ideas for activities, resources (including Red Balloon Resources and our online spiritual care activities), the training opportunities and being kept up to date.

## So what will we do based on your feedback?

One concern highlighted was that staff often don't have time to prepare and complete spiritual care activities. To help with this, we will highlight some of the quicker activities which don't require a long time to set up or carry out.

Over the next few months we will also work on a list of 'caring for the carers' resources, aimed at staff providing spiritual care for families and carers of sick children, based on your feedback.

Although the survey is now closed, remember you can always send us feedback and suggestions through our [website](#) or via [email](#).

## Updates



Congratulations to Liz Bryson, who has become the first person to complete all four modules offered by the Birmingham Children's Hospital Chaplaincy department, and has gained a postgraduate certificate in Paediatric Chaplaincy from the Institute for Children Youth and Mission.

At the end of March we held a stall in Birmingham Children's Hospital to showcase our work to the rest of the hospital. We had a very positive response from multidisciplinary staff, who were interested to see the range of work that the Chaplaincy team and the CPSC do. It was particularly useful to highlight that the Chaplaincy service is for all patients, not just religious ones!





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## Blog Posts

Last month, [Kate Fox Robinson](#) introduced her Masters dissertation research in to 'Ensuring meaningful spiritual care for children and young people with complex needs and their families throughout palliative care'. In this month's blog, she expands on the five key areas she identified through interviews with spiritual care practitioners. These five areas were:

- ◆ Overcoming Barriers
- ◆ Areas of Sensitivity/Nuance
- ◆ Tools to Support Spiritual Care
- ◆ Adaptability of Spiritual Care
- ◆ The Role of the Specialist

## Featured Article

As you may be aware, [Dying Matters](#) week takes place in May. The aim of the week is to spark discussion about dying, death and bereavement, and to encourage people to think about their wishes for the end of their lives. This month's featured article links in with this theme, as it's about the concept of a good death:



Tenzek, K.E. and Depner, R. (2017) *Still Searching: A Meta-Synthesis of a Good Death from the Bereaved Family Member Perspective* Behavioural Sciences, 7(2) p.25; doi:10.3390/bs7020025

<http://www.mdpi.com/2076-328X/7/2/25>

This article describes a meta-synthesis of published qualitative research studies that examined a good death from the bereaved family member's perspective. Results of the meta-synthesis included 14 articles with 368 participants. Based on analysis, a conceptual model is presented called *The Opportunity Model for Presence during the EOL Process*.

## Upcoming dates

Multi-Faith and Cultural Festivals

10th May—Buddhist Vesak

27th May\* - Islamic Ramadan begins

\*Dependent on the sighting of the moon

Conference

26th– 27th June 2017

Mersey Care NHS Trust, Cardiff Centre for Chaplaincy Studies and the College of Health Care Chaplains are holding a conference in Liverpool for those who are interested in research in Chaplaincy.

The cost is between £15—£30 (not including accommodation)

Venue: Unite the Union, Fraser Street, Liverpool, L3 8JX

A programme for the day and details of how to book are available [here](#).