

INFORMATION

Introduction to Healthcare Pastoral Visitation Course

Are you a lay person who might be interested in healthcare visitation within your local church context or within a chaplaincy context?

- Are you a lay person who visits healthcare facilities as part of your church responsibilities?
- Do you sometimes feel unsure what to do, what to say or how to react to the different pastoral situations you meet or could meet in a healthcare setting?
- Would you be interested in receiving some training for healthcare pastoral visitors?

Applicants will be asked to complete the relevant application form and give the contact details of their minister/pastor/priest, so a letter of approval and recommendation can be requested. Places will be allocated to successful applicants on a first come, first served basis.

Due to the nature of the course, the maximum number of participants is 12.

The cost of the course, including refreshments and course materials, is £100. If you are successful in obtaining a place on the course, you will be notified by email and sent an invoice for the course fee.

While this course may equip participants to serve as healthcare visitors it does not qualify or authorise anyone to do so.

Mr Michael McMillan (NIHCA Director of Training)
Rev Derek Johnston (NIHCA Belfast Trust Lead Chaplain)
Fr Tony McAleese (Locum Chaplain Belfast Trust)
Ms Grace McGurk (MCI Learning and Development Officer)

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PROGRAMME

9 Week Training Course

Edgehill House
9 Lennoxvale, Belfast, BT9 5BY

**Commences Wednesday 22nd April,
7 to 9pm**

Week 1: Wednesday 22nd April: Introductions/Learning Objectives/Group Contract. Why care?
(Rev Derek Johnston) Reasons for hospital visitation.

Week 2: Wednesday 29th April: Models of Pastoral Care; Awareness & Assumptions/Do's & don'ts
(Rev Derek Johnston)

Week 3: Wednesday 6th May: Communication; Opening & closing; Empathy and Silence
(Ms Grace McGurk)

Week 4: Wednesday 13th May: Theology and practice; Rituals/Liturgies/Sacraments; Ethical dilemmas
(Fr Tony McAleese)

Week 5: Wednesday 20th May: Spiritual Healthcare: Spiritual Pain; Where is God when it
hurts? (Rev Derek Johnston)

Week 6: Wednesday 27th May: Death and Dying; Palliative care
(Fr Tony McAleese)

Week 7: Wednesday 10th June: Loss histogram; Grief and Loss
(Ms Grace McGurk)

Week 8: Wednesday June 17th June: Thinking reflectively; Pastoral Role Play
(Ms Grace McGurk & Rev Derek Johnston)

Week 9: Wednesday 24th June: Personal and Pastoral Reflections; Evaluation
(Rev Derek Johnston)

**Please note: The course will not run on Wednesday 3rd June, due to The Methodist Church in Ireland's
Annual Conference.**