NHS Grampian
MINUTE OF THE
SPIRITUAL CARE COMMITTEE
Thursday 23 February 2017
Seminar Room, Summerfield House

Present:  Rhona Atkinson, Non Executive Director (Chair)
Irene Cormack, Representative of Grampian Humanist Group
Nigel Firth, Equality and Diversity Manager
Alistair Grant, full time Partnership representative
Laura Gray, Director of Corporate Communications
Sue Kinsey, Lay Member
Stuart Hannabuss, University of Aberdeen
Ian Pallett, Chaplain, Moray
Sandy Reid, Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership
Mark Rodgers, Head of Spiritual Care/Lead Chaplain
Jim Simpson, Chaplain
Yvonne Wright, Divisional Lead Nurse, Acute

By VC:  Debbie Barron, Clinical Quality Facilitator (Deputy for Liz Tait)

Apologies:  Amy Anderson, Non Executive Board Member
John Ferguson, Church of Scotland
Judith McLenan, Business Manager, Mental Health and Learning Disability
Liz Tait, Interim Manager, Quality Governance Risk Unit
Angie Wood,

In attendance:  Gordon Craig, Oil Chaplaincy
Christine Milligan - (Minute-taker)

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| 1    | Welcome and Introductions:  
The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and round table introductions were made.  
Apologies were noted as above.  
Debbie Barron, deputy for Liz Tait, joined by videoconference. |        |
| 2    | Minute of 24 November for accuracy:  
Amendment noted on Page 5, Item 7.3, Bullet Point 4 should read Tuesday Memorial Service.  
The previous minute was then agreed and approved as a true representation of the meeting. |        |
3 **Matters Arising:**
None discussed.

4 **Oil Chaplaincy:**
The Rev Gordon Craig, Chaplain to the UK Oil and Gas Industry, was invited to the meeting to give a presentation and overview showcasing how Chaplaincy is providing a pastoral and spiritual focal point to the Oil and Gas Industry.

The items discussed included:

- Who the chaplains are and what they do
- Visiting Platforms
- Briefing crews following incidents
- Book of Remembrance to commemorate lives lost offshore
- The Oil Chaplaincy Trust, which provides financial support to oil industry workers

Following the presentation, several questions were raised.

The Chair thanked Gordon Craig for his interesting and relevant presentation to the Spiritual Care Committee.

5 **Annual Report 2016 NHSG Spiritual Care Committee:**
The report was presented by Rev Mark Rodgers and items were highlighted as below:

The Therapeutic Roof Garden has been used extensively by patients, their families and staff since it opened on 25th January 2016. A part time gardener has now been appointed.

The draft plans for the Baird Family Hospital and Anchor Centre have been produced. The Baird Family Hospital will have a “chaplaincy space” to replace the current Chapel in the Maternity Hospital.

Examples of flexible person-centred rituals were commented on and commended.

There was some discussion of Values Based Reflective Practice (VBRP) and how it helps staff to connect with a more positive work experience.

There were some questions about the qualifications required for chaplains. Mark re-iterated that until there was a better match a Theology/Religious Studies degree is still required.
Irene asked about overall funding for the Chaplaincy department and Laura undertook to supply this information.

Funding for Roof Garden – there is now a maintenance and development fund for the Roof Garden. This fund will be used for the upkeep of the garden. A Friends of the Roof Garden has been set up.

The Chair thanked Mark for presenting such a comprehensive report and commended the work of the chaplaincy team.

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<td>Angie Wood’s role has changed but she will also continue with her previous role in the meantime</td>
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<td><strong>Mental Health</strong></td>
<td>A fire locking system has been ordered and the exit door alarm integrated</td>
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<td><strong>Moray</strong></td>
<td>Sunday Memorial services have been reviewed to get more people involved and raise awareness. Work is ongoing with ward 3 to increase numbers. A wider conversation is required to find the right model. The first chaplaincy student placement within Dr Gray’s has been welcomed and some useful work has been completed</td>
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<td><strong>Acute</strong></td>
<td>Therapeutic Roof Garden – A ‘Friends of the Roof Garden’ is being established Chaplaincy can now input in ‘ward view’ information screens as required by nursing staff The carol service held in December 2016 was well attended and proved a positive experience There is some discussion within the acute sector about using Endowment funds to increase the hours available for VBRP</td>
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<td><strong>Aberdeen City</strong></td>
<td>Funding has been received to pay for the clinical supervision of the Volunteer Community Chaplaincy Listening (CCL) listeners. Sandy stressed his appreciation of the support of Katrina Blackwood, one of the Chaplaincy team, in the Aberdeen Health and Care Village.</td>
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<td><strong>AOCB:</strong> Laura Gray reminded members the Spiritual Care Committee minutes will be presented at Board meetings following approval. A report from the Committee is also on the agenda of the next Board meeting.</td>
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<td><strong>Date and time of next meeting – Monday 15 May at 1:30pm in the Conference Room, Summerfield House</strong></td>
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