5. Requirements for Prospective Chaplaincy Volunteers

Prospective candidates need to:

- Be a regular worshipper or observant with a Faith/Belief Community recognised by the Healthcare Chaplaincy Faith and Belief Group (HCFBG)
- Be able to have a clean fully enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Scheme) with POCA (Protection Of Children Act) & POVA (Protection of Vulnerable Adults)
- Be available to visit patients for at least 3 hours a week for a minimum of 6 months after approval and training
- Be willing and able to attend supervision regularly
- Be able to attend the Chaplaincy Team annual study day
- Be willing to follow the trust’s equal opportunities policies
- Be eligible to be registered with the UK Board of Healthcare Chaplaincy
- Provide a reference from a person of authority in your faith/belief community who will state that you are a regular worshipper or observant member, and that they will recommend, supervise and support your work within the Chaplaincy Team.

Please note: This is a five full days training which starts from Monday 23rd – Friday 27th May 2016 at St. Thomas’ Hospital. Application closes on Monday 14th March 2016.

6. Contact for application forms and further details:

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1. About GSTT
Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust is a twin site hospital (St. Thomas’ and Guy’s) with community inpatient beds, satellite units and health centres in the Southwark and Lambeth. The Trust is one of the largest employers locally and works hard to reflect the cultural and ethnic diversity of the communities it serves in Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham. The trust is strengthening its partnerships with local people, as well as neighbouring NHS Trusts, health authorities, local authorities, GPs and the local Primary Care Groups. The Trust employs about 13500 staff, and sees around 2 million patients annually.

The Trust has these five values which help us define and develop our culture: (1) Putting patients first (2) Taking pride in what we do (3) Respecting others (4) Striving to be the best and (5) Acting with integrity.


2. The Spiritual Health Care Department

The Chaplaincy Dept (the Spiritual Health Care Team) is multi-faith and belief and an integral part of the Trust in its effort to deliver holistic health care to patients. The department offers spiritual, religious, pastoral, ethical and cultural care to patients, staff, patients’ relatives/carers and visitors. The department comprises of full-time, part-time and bank chaplains, Chaplaincy volunteers, trainee chaplains and placement students.

Chaplaincy volunteers Role: Chaplaincy volunteers help with wards visits, listening to and giving encouragement to patients, Sunday Eucharistic ministry, the clothing store, chapel and prayer room duties, training simulations, and helping patients to attend religious services. They also provide a link between the Trust and the local community, patients, ward staff and chaplains. Our volunteers work alongside a team of experienced staff chaplains to bring spiritual health care to patients and their relatives of all faiths and none. You may be given a specific ward, going from bed to bed talking to patients. You will normally see all patients of any faith or belief, working generically, however you may occasionally be asked to see and speak to a patient of the same faith or belief as yourself. You will be trained, supported and supervised by members of the Chaplaincy Team on a regular and on going basis.

Skills required: You must possess the ability to put people at ease and be able to listen and offer support without judgement. You must be friendly & outgoing and able to approach people sensitively. You must be reliable and committed to the role. You must be a loyal and responsible team player, being willing to work with and support people from different faith, beliefs and ethnicities to your own.

3. Chaplaincy Volunteers Training Programme

To help us achieve this we organise a five full day Chaplaincy Volunteers Training Programme to equip our volunteers for this special service.

The five day training may include the following topics:
1) Team Procedures, Patients List, Recording & Confidentiality

4. Training Fee:

There is a training fee of £85.00 but this is fully refundable after you volunteer with us for a minimum of 3 hours per week over 6 months period after your training. After the training, there is a short interview where we mutually decide whether you can join the Chaplaincy Volunteers Team.