

## **Royal Lancaster Infirmary Chaplaincy**

Central to the work of the chaplaincy dept. at the hospital is the need to build up and maintain the chaplaincy volunteer team.

Chaplaincy volunteers at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary (RLI) deliver a professional chaplaincy service to help meet the spiritual needs of patients and staff whether they profess a religious faith or not. In this respect core skills for chaplaincy are:

- an approachable manner
- the ability to engage in whatever conversations may arise from contact with either patients or staff
- a commitment to developing and maintaining professional standards through training and reflective practice

Core to all good chaplaincy is a volunteer's awareness of the importance of their faith tradition and their own continually developing faith.

The process for applying to be a volunteer chaplain is in the first instance to contact Rev Ian Dewar:

Chaplaincy contact number is external: 01524 583955, internal: 53955

Email: [ian.dewar@mbht.nhs.uk](mailto:ian.dewar@mbht.nhs.uk)

Normal Office hours are Monday to Friday 9.00 – 5.00 pm.

All potential volunteers receive an initial interview and general role description before submitting and application so that there is plenty of opportunity to explore the best way forward.