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Chaplaincy

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Spiritual care and support is an important aspect of the holistic approach offered through the hospice. We are concerned for all aspects of a person's well-being and in times of illness and change, many of our questions affect our spirits. Often illness prompts us to think about our hopes and fears, as well as trying to understand the changes in our lives. Sometimes we have to wrestle with new and unfamiliar questions and face the challenge of questions like, 'Why me?'

Our full-time chaplain spends time in the Day Hospice and In-Patient Unit, as well as visiting people at home, and is available for patients and their families and friends to share questions, hopes and concerns. Our aim is to offer support at a time that is often difficult and challenging for the patient and those close to them.



Karen Murphy, Weston Hospicecare Chaplain

We also encourage continued support from local ministers if people belong to a faith community and contact can be made with clergy if this is required.



The chapel is a quiet space for anyone to use for reflection and prayer. It is multi-denominational, containing symbols and writings from various faiths and a candle bowl is available if you should wish to light a candle. There are opportunities to meet together for quiet reflection each day in the chapel and these are open to everyone. As well as listening and talking with you, we can also offer Holy Communion in your room or in the chapel, laying on of hands, which is a service for spiritual healing and strengthening. Sometimes a request is made for Baptism and Confirmation, or the blessing of a marriage and these can be arranged.

We are happy to discuss issues of religious belief if you wish to do so, but we are also ready to help in a variety of other ways, for example making contact with people on your behalf or discussing funeral wishes.

The hospice ethos values the spiritual dimension of our care and, while we are not a religious organisation, it is important that we try to ensure that the spiritual needs of patients are addressed. Please speak to someone on admission if you have specific spiritual concerns you would like to discuss, but above all, we hope that your visit to the Hospice offers gentle and compassionate care in every aspect