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Dear Colleague

Appointments to Chaplaincy Posts – an update on best practice

A number of NHS Managers have recently asked advice about the composition of a panel to appoint a chaplain, as some had not been involved in this before.

In July I sent letters (attached) to Directors of Nursing and Directors of Human Resources in NHS Trusts and SHAs in England with a copy to the CEO NHS Wales.

I am copying this letter to those included in the distribution list above in order to ensure this advice reaches all concerned with chaplaincy appointments.

Dame Christine Beasley, The Chief Nursing Officer for England, refers to these letters in her September Bulletin to Directors of Nursing which may be accessed at www.dh.gov.uk/cno.

I trust this advice will assist in forming the panels which will appoint chaplains.

Should you have any questions please contact me at chief.officer@mfghc.com.

The letters referred to are also be available on www.mfghc.com

With every encouragement and all good wishes,

Yours ever,

Edward

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