

The MultiFaith Group for Healthcare Chaplaincy

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Chair The Hon Barnabas Leith of the
Bah' ai Community.

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- Launched Summer 2003
- Previously a group set up (1997) by invitation of the Department of Health, to advise about new Guidance for chaplaincy
- Includes senior figures in the Bah'ai Buddhist, Christian (x3), Hindu, Muslim Sikh, Zoroastrian Communities, together with 'hands on' chaplains, and representatives from chaplaincy bodies.

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- Context of chaplaincy changing
- Moves from tolerance to respect
- Presence of Imam Yunus proves the point – 2 other whole time Imams in Health Service.
- Government (inc. Dept of Health) seeing an important role for Faith communities, generally. (also Home Office & ODPM)

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- Smaller communities may never have even a part time chaplain
- Hospital patient population & staff will determine
- Trusts collaborating in appointments to make a part/whole time post.
- Multi Faith not Inter Faith.