

The College of Health Care Chaplains

Amicus, the third largest union in the NHS, is becoming increasingly influential and effective in promoting and protecting our members' interests.

There's strength in numbers - there is nothing lonelier than solitary voice fighting against injustice in the workplace.

It makes sense to join a trade union, with a strong emphasis on professional issues, which campaigns ceaselessly on your behalf at a time of continuing and often dramatic change in health care provision.

Kevin Coyne,
Head of Health/CHCC

The College of Health Care Chaplains, a professional section of Amicus, is at the forefront of campaigning for chaplaincy services, both in terms of the professional direction of chaplaincy and in terms of threats to jobs and services in the NHS.

The College President,
The Revd Dr Chris Swift said:

'Not since the inception of the NHS in 1948 has it been so important for health care chaplains to show a united front on shaping the profession and protecting it against cuts to the chaplaincy service that are detrimental to patients, clients and NHS staff.'



Influencing the future

- With more than 1,000 members, CHCC is the largest UK-wide professional body for health care chaplains and talks on a daily basis to key decision makers in the NHS and government.
- The CHCC aims to develop professional chaplaincy; and to provide training and educational opportunities through its regional groups and national council.
- CHCC supports the Chaplaincy Academic and Accreditation Board, as part of a national strategy to develop an effective professional register for UK chaplains across all faith groups.
- Being part of Amicus enables college members to be involved in national negotiations on pay and employment issues for the benefit of those working in chaplaincy.
- A college journal, free to members, covering a range of professional topics relating to health care and spirituality.
- CHCC is committed to multi-faith chaplaincy and a nationally elected faiths' representative advises on policies that will encourage the growing diversity in membership.
- All aspects of chaplaincy, including palliative care, mental health, community and acute services, are represented by the CHCC. It is 'a one-stop shop' for chaplains wishing to seek workplace representation.



JOIN US

Help and advice are just a phone call

Membership of Amicus/CHCC

Joining a professional body is a financial commitment and you may ask: **What's in it for me?**

The answer is a package of first-class advice and benefits.

The benefits include:

- the strength and influence of Amicus which has 1.2 million members;
- a dedicated Professional Liaison Officer, who deals with members' concerns on a daily basis;
- expert advice and representation on pay, contracts, and terms and conditions;
- a comprehensive programme of specialist professional development, including a four-day annual conference; residential courses covering introduction to acute and mental health chaplaincy, and study days for a wide variety of faith groups;
- access to CHCC's website **www.healthcarechaplains.org** bringing you up-to-date information and advice;
- professional liability insurance cover against claims of up to £3 million.



Chaplains from smaller UK faith communities can often feel isolated in the NHS. With Amicus they can be supported wherever they are - and the College provides events where they can meet to discuss their experiences with professional officers.


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CHCC members are entitled to the range of updated benefits available to all Amicus members

Full membership is available for just £2.30 a week.

There are reduced rates for those working part-time, associates, and members who have retired.

To join Amicus/CHCC, chaplains should contact the CHCC Registrar whose details are on the College website, or Carol English at Carol.English@amicustheunion.org


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