

# What happens if I go into hospital?

## The Hospital Chaplaincy Service is there for you

The Hospital Chaplaincy Service is there to care for the spiritual, pastoral and religious needs of all patients, relatives and staff whatever their faith or belief.

**On admission to hospital please ensure that your religion is registered and, in the light of the Data Protection Act 1988, please confirm that this information may be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.**

Chaplains offer a friendly face, a listening ear, a chance to talk through thoughts and concerns, prayer, religious care and sacraments. They may be able to arrange for you to receive Holy Communion during your stay or for a priest to visit with the Sacrament of the Sick.

Members of the Chaplaincy Team visit the wards during the week and provide an 'on-call' service in case of emergency. If you would like a chaplain to visit please ask ward staff to contact the appropriate chaplain.

**If you or your relative is admitted to hospital please notify the chaplain.** It may also be helpful to notify your Parish Priest. If you let us know you're there, we can be there for you.

**Westminster Diocese Healthcare Chaplains**

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### Contact information:

#### **West Hertfordshire NHS Trust: Watford General and St Albans Hospitals**

Chaplaincy Team telephone 01923 217994 or email [spiritual.care@whht.nhs.uk](mailto:spiritual.care@whht.nhs.uk)

Roman Catholic Chaplain: Colette Lennon

*In an emergency, or for the Sacrament of the Sick, please ask ward staff to contact the on-call Roman Catholic priest via the hospital switchboard*

**Hemel Hempstead Hospital or local Care Homes:** Contact Fr Paul, Fr Kim, Deacon Simon on 01442 391 759, or email Lynn Bassett at [ppc-chair@smj.hemelcatholic.org](mailto:ppc-chair@smj.hemelcatholic.org)