Training Programme 2026/2027

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2026		
Friday 11th September 10.00am-1.00pm	The Canada Room, Queen's University Belfast	Launch and Knowledge Sharing Event – Spiritual and Religious Healthcare Chaplaincy in Northern Ireland Rev Dr Ewan Kelly & Dr Patricia Carlisle Event Brite Link (3 CPD)
Thursday 29th October *12.00noon - 1.00pm*	Lunch 'n' Learn Journal Club Zoom	Rev Rosie Morton "Writing is a way of saying things I can't say" Therapeutic creative writing: a qualitative study of its value to people with cancer cared for in cancer and palliative healthcare.
Wednesday 21st October *&* *Thursday 22nd October* *9.30am-4.30pm*	Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne	Rev Dr Trace Haythorn The Call of the Chaplain as Human, as Leader, as Innovator (8 CPD)
Tuesday 17th November *12.30pm-1.30pm*	Lunch 'n' Learn Journal Club Zoom	Rev John Wonnacott

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Thursday 21st January *2.00pm-3.00pm*	Zoom	Interview with Allison Dean facilitated by Anna Burcombe (1 CPD)
Tuesday 23rd February *10.00am-12.00noon*	Zoom	Dr Jane Marshall Caring for People with Addictions and Motivational Interviews (2 CPD)
Tuesday 9th March *9.30am-4.30pm*	In person Location TBC	Rev Dr Andrew Goddard Chaplaincy, Theology, and LGBTQ+ Experience: Contemporary Questions and Conversations (4 CPD)
Tuesday 27th April 2027 9.30am-4.30pm	Newcastle Baptist Church	Flourish Pastoral Ministry and Suicide: Challenges, Responsibilities, and Care (4 CPD)
Wednesday 26th May *9.00am-2.00pm*	Cornerstone City Church, Derry	Annual General Meeting (2 CPD)

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Wednesday 21st October *&* *Thursday 22nd October* *9.30am-4.30pm*	Rev Dr Trace Haythorn The Call of the Chaplain as Human, as Leader, as Innovator (8 CPD)	Trace will invite participants to reflect on the deeply human foundations of chaplaincy — presence, vulnerability, compassion — while also exploring the leadership responsibilities chaplains carry within complex healthcare systems. The sessions will further examine how chaplains act as innovators, shaping new models of spiritual care, responding creatively to emerging needs, and helping organisations imagine more humane, values-driven ways of working. **Revd Dr Trace Haythorn is a pastoral leader, educator, and former Executive Director of ACPE, widely recognised for shaping contemporary Clinical Pastoral Education and chaplaincy formation. He now works internationally as a coach and consultant, supporting leaders and organisations in developing reflective practice, resilience, and spiritually grounded care.**

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Tuesday 23rd February *10.00am-12.00noon*	Dr Jane Marshall Caring for People with Addictions and Motivational Interviews (2 CPD)	This session will introduce participants to the realities of addiction, the principles of compassionate, person-centred care, and the skills needed to support individuals safely and respectfully. It will also offer a practical grounding in Motivational Interviewing — helping attendees learn how to use curiosity, collaboration, and non-judgemental dialogue to strengthen a person's own motivation for change. **Dr Jane Marshall is a consultant addictions psychiatrist at South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, recognised for her specialist work with healthcare professionals experiencing mental-health and addiction difficulties. She has held national roles with the Royal College of Psychiatrists and is widely respected for her clinical leadership, teaching, and advocacy for compassionate, evidence-based addiction care.**
Tuesday 9th March *9.30am-4.30pm*	Rev Dr Andrew Goddard Chaplaincy, Theology, and LGBTQ+ Experience: Contemporary Questions and Conversations (4 CPD)	In this session, we will explore how chaplains navigate the intersection of Christian theology and the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ people in contemporary healthcare settings. We will also examine the pastoral, ethical, and relational questions that arise when theological diversity meets real human stories in moments of vulnerability. **Revd Dr Andrew Goddard is an Anglican ethicist and Assistant Minister at St James the Less, Pimlico, and Tutor in Ethics at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. A leading voice in Christian ethics and Anglican debates, he has taught at Oxford, Bristol and Fuller Seminary, contributed extensively to *Living in Love and Faith*, and writes widely on ethics, theology and public life.**
Tuesday 27th April 2027 9.30am-4.30pm	Flourish Pastoral Ministry and Suicide: Challenges, Responsibilities, and Care (4 CPD)	In this session, we will explore the complex realities clergy and pastoral carers face when supporting people affected by suicide, including the theological, emotional, and ethical tensions that arise in these moments. It is hoped that this will equip participants with compassionate, practical approaches to care — from recognising risk and responding safely to accompanying individuals and families through trauma, grief, and spiritual distress. **Flourish is a Northern Ireland–based Christian initiative that equips clergy and church workers to respond safely and**

		compassionately to issues of mental health, suicide risk, and bereavement. Its training blends theological reflection with practical skills, helping churches offer informed, non-judgemental support to people in distress.