

NI Healthcare Chaplains' Association



"I was sick & you visited me"

In partnership with
Adult Christian Education, Edgehill Theological College
Church of Ireland, Diocese of Connor

Introduction to Hospital Visitation

10-Week training course 7.30 – 9.30pm at Edgehill College, Lennoxvale, Belfast

Thurs 1st Oct: Week 1: Introductions/Learning Objectives/Group Contract. Why care?
(Rev Derek Johnston & Mrs Louise Wilson) Reasons for hospital visitation. Thinking reflectively.

Thurs 8th Oct: Week 2: Models of Pastoral Care; Awareness & Assumptions; To pray or not to pray?
(Rev Derek Johnston)

Thurs 15th Oct: Week 3: Communication Issues: Chair exercise; Attentive and non-attentive
(Mrs Eileen McKeag) listening; Body language

Thurs 22nd Oct: Week 4: Communication Issues: Reflection exercise; Clarifying and summarising;
(Mrs Eileen McKeag) Open and closed questions; Blocks to listening

Thurs 29th Oct: Week 5: Personal & pastoral reflections; Thinking reflectively
(Mrs Louise Wilson)

Thurs 5th Nov: Week 6: Beginning and ending visits: Opening and Closing techniques;
(Rev Jennifer Bell) Empathy and Silence

Thurs 12th Nov: Week 7: Death and Dying
(Rev Derek Johnston)

Thurs 19th Nov: Week 8: Loss histogram; Grief and Loss
(Rev Jennifer Bell)

Thurs 26th Nov: Week 9: Spiritual Healthcare: Spiritual Pain; Where is God when it hurts?
(Rev Derek Johnston)

Thurs 3rd Dec: Week 10: Final Thoughts and Reflections; Evaluation
(Rev Jennifer Bell, Mrs Louise Wilson, Rev Derek Johnston)

Course Tutors/Facilitators:

Rev Jennifer Bell – Secretary NIHCA, & Diocesan trainer

Rev Derek Johnston – Director of Training NIHCA, Lead Chaplain Belfast HSC Trust

Mrs Eileen McKeag – Counsellor & Diocesan trainer

Mrs Louise Wilson – Training & Development Officer, ACE, Edgehill College