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To: Hospital Chaplain/ Chaplaincy Manager

From: UK Sikh Healthcare Chaplaincy Group (UK SHCG)

Subject: Current volunteers from the Sikh community

You will be aware that the UK Sikh Healthcare Chaplaincy (UK SHCG) is the body which works to support the recruitment of chaplains and volunteers from the Sikh community across the NHS. We are part of the Multi-Faith Group for Healthcare Chaplaincy (MFGHC) www.mfghc.com and mandated to administer the national register of Sikh chaplains and volunteers. The register will contain those chaplains and volunteers who have passed our approved authorisation processes.

As part of our regular audit to establish if the NHS Institutions whether they have been able to fulfil all the requests from Sikh patients to see a chaplain, we will be contacting you shortly and the need to request you to remind any Sikh chaplains you may be engaging that they must have gone through the authorisation process via UK SHCG to fulfil the new regulations asked by the MFGHC of all faiths.

If you have a shortfall of Sikh volunteers, we will endeavour to assist you in contacting a local Sikh volunteer/Chaplain from our database. In the event of a real gap in provision, we will be happy to help you recruit someone near you to support your Chaplaincy Department.

In any case, we will give the volunteer(s) an introductory letter to submit to your department. You will of course still need to provide your own CRB checks and other checks that are required by your NHS trust as these are not covered under the remit of the UK SHCG.

For the reasons above and to expedite matters, I would be most grateful if you were to respond at your earliest convenience by providing full postal and electronic contact details including a named contact with their telephone number for our records and future exchanges.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully



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National Co-ordinator, UK SHCG