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Distribution: Chief Executives of SHAs, PCTs, NHSTs, FTs

Dear Chief Executive

Standards for healthcare chaplaincy provision

I am writing to seek your comments on the attached draft statement of standards for healthcare chaplaincy. This statement was agreed with healthcare chaplains and chaplaincy bodies in 2005 but the consultation with the wider NHS was postponed because of the intensity of the modernisation agenda at that time. We hoped that time could be found now for your comments on this important statement.

The Multi-Faith Group for Healthcare Chaplaincy is an advisory body to the Department of Health. We comprise representatives of the nine major world faiths and representatives of the chaplaincy bodies operating in England. Our origins are in the working party established in 1998 by the Secretary of State to advise on the development of multi-faith chaplaincy and which drafted the current policy guidance. Further information about our work is available at www.mfghc.com.

As you will see, the standards are set out in a form similar to those issued centrally by the Department of Health. Although issues of quality are more complex than this implies, we consider that this statement is an important underpinning to the development of healthcare chaplaincy and worthy therefore of completion.

Please will you therefore complete and return the attached comment form by the end of April 2010 so that we know your views. Please return this either to PO Box 2261, Salisbury, SP3 6WE or by email to Administrator@mfghc.com

Yours sincerely

Manhar Mehta

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COMMENT FORM

Name

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Q1 Are there additions you consider should be made to the overarching statement (page 1)?

Q2 Are there any amendments you wish to suggest for the section on Service Delivery and Training (pages 2-5)?

Q3 Are there any amendments you wish to suggest for the section on Care Environment (pages 6-8)?

Q4 Are there any amendments you wish to suggest for the section on Food and Dietary Requirements (page 8)?

Q5 Are there any amendments you wish to suggest for the section on Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (pages 8-9)?

Q6 Are there any amendments you wish to suggest for the section on Consent and Patient Confidentiality (pages 9-11)?

Q7 Are there any amendments you wish to suggest for the section on Management and Staffing (pages 11-13)?

Q8 Are there any amendments you wish to suggest for the section on Audit and Review (page 13)?

Q9 Are there any amendments you wish to suggest for the section on Research Governance (page 13)?

Thank you for your comments. Please will you return the completed commentary/ reply slip by the end of April 2010 either to PO Box 2261, Salisbury, SP3 6WE or by email to Administrator@mfghc.com