



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

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Dear Chief Executive,

THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act and would request that your Trust answer a few questions about issues of religious belief.

The purpose of this request is to enable the Church, and other agencies, to identify how they can work with the NHS to support it in addressing issues of religion and faith within its Equality Framework.

The results of this request, along with personal interviews with healthcare workers, will form the basis of a report which we will share with NHS agencies and other interested parties. No NHS Trust or organisation will be identified or "singled out" for any reason. We will want to identify and share particularly good practice anonymously without identifying your Trust, though if we identify particularly good practice, we may want to contact your Trust for permission to identify your Trust and the good work your Trust has done. This will not happen without your permission.

The questions can be answered by going to the following link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=d1Xa327vSG6U4EkaO7ixNA_3d_3d

Alternatively, we can send you a hard copy, but would prefer the completion online if possible. Your identifying data and details will only be held until the completion of the survey for administration purposes and then destroyed.

If you would like a free copy of the final report, then please email Liz.Taite@cbcew.org.uk with SURVEY in the subject line

We realise how busy you are, as those in the research team are current or previous NHS employees. Your response, however, will be very valuable.

Last year the Healthcare Reference Group produced a simple guide to developing an action plan on religious diversity, aimed at people of all faiths. This was made available at the NHS Confederation Conference and will also be available again at the NHS Confederation Conference this year. For a copy, please email jim.mcmanus@nhs.net

With thanks,

Rt Rev Thomas A Williams
Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool
Chair of the Healthcare Reference Group