

ARE YOU GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

It is now more difficult for members of the clergy to request information regarding your stay in hospital, including which Ward you are in. This is now regarded as confidential information and will not readily be supplied to any caller without the specific permission of the patient. Also, staff on wards will no longer be allowed to say who is on their Ward if people make a general enquiry.

If you are admitted to hospital and would like a member of The Chaplaincy Team to visit you –

DO

Please inform the Chaplaincy Department which ward you expect to be on and when you will be there, if you know in advance that you are going into hospital.

Specifically inform a member of the ward staff that you would like to be visited by a chaplain ensuring that you state which denomination you belong to. Otherwise, it could be that you may not see a chaplain as you may be asleep, having treatment or they may not even know you are in hospital.

Inform your relatives about your wishes concerning visits from a chaplain if you are taken into hospital unexpectedly. Your relatives can then notify the Chaplaincy Department should such an event take place.

DON'T

Just presume that the chaplains will hear about your stay in hospital – they probably won't.

Expect ward staff automatically to let the chaplains know you are in hospital.

If you wish to be visited by a member of The Chaplaincy Team during your stay in hospital, please complete the tear-off slip below and return to:

**The Chaplaincy Department, Mailpoint 201, D Level,
Southampton General Hospital S016 6YD**

or telephone the Department on **023 8079 6745 or 023 8079 8517**, or ask the ward staff to make contact, **or email: chaplaincy@suht.swest.nhs.uk**

Name.....Ward.....

Religious Denomination.....

Date of Admission.....