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To Synagogue communities:

How to contact the Chaplaincy Team on behalf of patients at Royal Free Hospital in NW3 and Barnet

We are writing to synagogue communities to remind them that the Chaplaincy-Spiritual Care department at the Royal Free Hospital does still respond to direct referrals and specific requests for support. This is particularly important at present, while visiting by friends and family of patients (except for end-of-life situations/children/patients with a learning disability) remains suspended indefinitely. Nor are chaplains permitted to do bed to bed visits due to infection control, as they would usually.

So, if a family would like a loved one to be supported, please do let us know, if at the Royal Free hospital, by directly emailing the Royal Free Chaplaincy Department, including both of these email addresses - Head of Chaplaincy: clairecarson@nhs.net, and Rabbi Natan Asmoucha nathan.asmoucha@nhs.net.

If at Barnet or Chase Farm hospitals please send an email to the full-time chaplain at Barnet, Rev Tom Baron, tom.baron@nhs.net who will direct requests to me, Rabbi Fine, as well emailing the general chaplaincy email, rf.chaplaincy@nhs.net. At the moment, I am only able to offer support by telephone.

It is also possible to phone the direct line to the Chaplaincy office numbers - for the Royal Free (020 7830 2742), for Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals 020 8216 4355, ext: 64355 - and to speak to either us or one of our colleagues or to leave a voice message. Emailing however is very important as this way there is a clear record that gives the hospital a more accurate picture of their Jewish patients' spiritual and religious needs.

We will accept referrals either from close family members or the synagogues, but please do ask the patient for their agreement, so that we can comply with data protection.

We may not have the resources to respond to all requests but this in itself is important in making the hospital trust more aware of the needs of its patients.

Please forward this letter to whomever you see fit.

May we see an end to this horrible pandemic, and may Hashem bring a Refuah Sheleima to all who need it and protection from sickness for all our congregations and wider community. May no one suffer alone.

Bevrachot,

Rabbi Natan Asmoucha

Royal Free Chaplaincy Team Office Tel: 020 7830 2742 (direct line with voicemail)
Hospital Tel: 020 3758 2000
Internal extension: 33096 (with voicemail)

Regular Days onsite (Royal Free Hospital): Monday, Wednesday, Thursday half day ((subject to rescheduling)

Rabbi Yisroel Fine

Barnet Chaplaincy Team Office Tel: 020 8216 4355 (direct line with voicemail)
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Currently available for telephone support and consultation via Barnet Chaplaincy team referrals