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Guidelines for Authors

Please follow these guidelines when you first submit your article for consideration by the Editors and when you prepare the final version of your article following acceptance for publication. The Bibliography and Reference Style guide for submitting to *Health and Social Care Chaplaincy* is provided at the end of this document.

About *Health and Social Care Chaplaincy*

Health and Social Care Chaplaincy is a peer-reviewed, international journal that assists health and social care chaplains to explore the art and science of spiritual care within a variety of contexts. The journal was founded in 2013 through the merger of the *Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy* and the *Scottish Journal of Healthcare Chaplaincy*. It continues to be the official journal of the College of Health Care Chaplains and members of the society receive the journal as part of their annual membership. Other chaplaincy associations also utilise HSCC such as 'Spiritual Care Australia' (SCA) and the New Zealand Healthcare Chaplains Association (NZHCC).

Health and Social Care Chaplaincy is a multidisciplinary forum for the discussion of a range of issues related to the delivery of spiritual care across various settings: acute, paediatric, mental health, education, aged and palliative care, prisons, military, industry and community organisations. It encourages a creative collaboration and interface between health and social care practitioners in the UK and internationally and consolidates different traditions of discourse and communication research in its commitment to an understanding of psychosocial, cultural and ethical aspects of healthcare in contemporary societies. It is responsive to both ecumenical and interfaith agendas as well as those from a humanist perspective.

The journal focuses on ensuring that chaplains have the essential knowledge, skills and character required to perform chaplaincy services in a range of health and social care contexts. It fosters ethical practice; enhanced discourse and communication skills; philosophical and critical understanding; proficiency in assessment, intervention and evaluation; research literacy; team working and awareness of the contribution of other disciplines in the delivery of health and social care. It enables chaplains to offer

staff support, enhance organisational spirituality and contribute to health and wellbeing in their communities.

The journal strives to bring practitioners and academics in the field into critical dialogue and encourages first time authors and reflective practitioners. The journal will be published online (including Advance Access) and in print format twice a year.

General Information for Authors

Types of Submission

Articles and Research Articles

Health and Social Care Chaplaincy seeks articles covering a variety of topics including (but not restricted to): ethics, general interest, mental health, paediatric care, palliative care, professional issues, reflective practice, social care and spirituality and religion. Articles may vary in length, but submissions should not normally exceed 5000 words (inclusive of notes and references/bibliography). Articles must include an abstract of the main text and a list of key words.

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Please contact the book review editor, Mark Newitt (mark.newitt@nhs.net), before submitting a review to ensure that the book concerned has not already been assigned. Book reviews should be between 500 and 1,500 words, although literature reviews of 3,000 words or longer will occasionally be considered. These may review one or more books and may also focus on multiple works of a single author, works in a series, or publications around particular topics. Literature reviews may also be joint authored and may be commissioned and accepted by the editor without outside review.

Please submit a proposal for such an extended literature review electronically (see the five-step process below). Book reviews and literature reviews do not need an abstract but do need a list of keywords.

Letter to the Editors

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Electronic submission

The Editors only consider articles and reviews that have been submitted electronically through the *Health and Social Care Chaplaincy* website. If you are unable to submit electronically, please contact one of the Editors.

How to Submit

Electronic submission is a five-stage process. Before the author (or corresponding author) can submit their work to *Health and Social Care Chaplaincy*, they must first register as an author with the Equinox website. This can be done under the 'For Authors' tab on the *HSCC* website. Once registration is complete the author can 'enter a new submission' and begin the five-stage submission process:

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4. The fourth step allows the author to upload any supplementary files. Supplementary files can be in PDF format if desired.

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Ensuring a Blind Peer Review

All articles are blind peer-reviewed, being evaluated by referees who will be members of the Editorial Board. To ensure the integrity of the blind peer review we need to make every effort to preserve the anonymity of authors and reviewers. Therefore, when preparing your article for submission please take the following steps:

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Decision about Publication

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General Style Rules for submissions to *Health and Social Care Chaplaincy*

1. Manuscripts should be formatted using double spacing with pages numbered consecutively throughout.
2. Manuscripts should be prefaced by a Title, a short abstract of 50–150 words and a list of keywords.
3. Preferably no more than 3 levels of headings should be used. (e.g., **Results**, Qualitative, *Themes*).

4. Quoted matter, if more than three lines, should normally be indented, without quotation marks.
5. Quotations of up to three lines should form part of the text and should be indicated by double quotation marks. Single quotation marks should be used only for quotations within quotations.
6. In general, foreign words and phrases, both in main text and endnotes, should be provided in translation, followed by the transliterated foreign word in square brackets (i.e. house [bayt]).
7. References within the submission should follow APA using the author-date system. Sources should be cited in the text giving the author's last name, and then the publication date of the work should be cited in brackets. Internet references should be cited similar to a 'book' with 'author' or 'organisation', 'title' of internet page, include 'place' of origin (e.g., UK, USA, AU, NZ), 'publisher' or 'producer' of the webpage followed by the URL. In addition, a page number or other locator needs to be added, following a comma. See [Bibliography and Reference Style](#) examples below and/or refer to <https://apastyle.apa.org/instructional-aids/reference-guide.pdf>
8. All notes of a substantive nature should be provided as footnotes using the footnote tool in Microsoft Word, and using Arabic numerals, (1), (2), etcetera.
9. All sources referred to in the text and footnotes must be compiled by the author in a bibliography of works cited, in which the year of publication appears immediately after the author's name. All entries must be in alphabetical order. The entries are arranged chronologically by year of publication in *ascending* order. Noun forms such as editor, translator, volume, and edition are abbreviated.
10. -ize spellings should be used (recognize, emphasize, organization, etc. BUT analyse, exercise, etc.).
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12. Authors of articles and book reviews will be emailed a proof as a PDF file and will normally be expected to return these within ten working days of receipt. Corrections should be confined to typographical errors or to specific questions raised by the editors.
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Gender and Language

Where a gender-inclusive alternative is possible, it is to be preferred (e.g. "humanity" rather than "man" when referring to both genders). When personal pronouns are used both genders should generally be included. The use of plural forms is recommended. It is however, wherever possible, best to avoid the use of pronouns such as 'them', 'those', 'they' and 'these' which can become confusing given multiple subjects/objects in one sentence/paragraph.

Capitalization

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Abbreviations

Do not abbreviate journal titles.

BC and AD should be unpunctuated and should not be set in small capitals.

Note the following abbreviations:

ed. (editor) eds. (editors)

trans. (translator)

rev. (reviser)

2nd ed. (second edition)

repr. (reprint)

vol./vols. (volume)

For full details regarding forms of abbreviation please refer to the latest edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (2019/2020)*.

<https://apastyle.apa.org/products/publication-manual-7th-edition>

Verbal Style and Spelling

1. Square brackets should be used within parentheses, to indicate the major text inserted into a quotation by the author (e.g. [sic]) and should also be used to contain the citation of an original, transliterated term translated. In this case, the foreign word should not be italicized.
2. Numerals are written out in full when these are ten or below, when these begin a sentence and when these are an even hundred, thousand, million, etcetera. But sometimes it is better to have consistency rather than follow this rule. Numbers of centuries should always be written out in full: twenty-first century; nineteenth century etcetera. In a sequence of page numbers, the numbers should be given in full, separated by an en-dash, hence 107–109 (not 107.09), and should not be preceded by p. or pp.
3. Possessives. For possessives of proper names ending in a (pronounced) s add 's, e.g. Childs's Introduction, Jones's views. The exception is for ancient names (e.g., Jesus', Moses', Barthes', Descartes' etc).
4. Ellipses: all quotations are, in the nature of things, an extract from a longer text, so ellipses should not be used simply to indicate that in the original text there are preceding and following words.
5. Use: focused, focusing etc (not focussed, focussing); first, secondly, or first, second (but not firstly); acknowledgment, judgment; analyse.

6. "e.g." and "i.e." or 'etc' are only permissible in the body of the text within parentheses (e.g., refer Table 1) or these are to be written in full as 'etcetera', 'for example' or 'that is'. Please do not use op. cit., idem and avoid ibid. Avoid "f." and "ff."

Captions

Provide on a separate page/s following the References, a list of captions for all figures (i.e. all artwork, including photographs, drawings and graphs) and for all tables.

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Labelling should be of professional standard and no less than 2 mm high after final reduction.

Include a scale when objects, sections, etcetera. are illustrated, and both a scale and a north arrow on all maps; all scales, symbols and keys should be included as part of the figure itself, rather than placed in the caption. Every figure must have a brief caption, correspondingly numbered, which will be printed beneath the figure: do not include the caption on the actual figure. Cite all illustrations as Figures (not plate, map, plan, illustration, etc.). Indicate in the text where each Figure (or Table) should appear, by writing on a separate line 'Insert Figure xx about here' at the appropriate point.

Figures and Tables should be numbered in the order of their first appearance in the text.

Electronic Illustrations

Note that electronic illustrations can be submitted in colour for the online version but will be printed as greyscale in the print version. They should initially be submitted in a low-resolution format as either .jpg or .pdf (the latter as a single file). For publication, they must be high-resolution (i.e. 300 dpi for grey tones [photos] and 600 dpi for black-and-white line-drawings at a maximum width of 130 mm) and submitted in .tif or .eps format. Note that the high-resolution (large size) files should not be e-mailed to us but must be uploaded to a website (specific instructions will follow once your manuscript is accepted for publication). Please note that all artwork must be submitted in digital format; any author experiencing difficulties in submitting digital artwork should contact the editors.

Tables

When designing tables, bear in mind their size relative to the dimensions of *HSCC's* standard text page size (130 x 204 mm). Complex or lengthy tables are best submitted as camera-ready copy; otherwise, present all tables in 1.5-spaced type, together with a complete, separate list of table captions. Please note the APA style for presenting tables.

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