

# the **hiv** chaplaincy project

**the hiv chaplaincy project provides pastoral and spiritual care to people living with hiv across london.**

- Through conversation, the Chaplaincy can explore the client's story, revealing hidden meanings and identifying resources to help take the next steps to recovery.
- The service can be provided in the comfort of the client's home, hospital, by telephone or a location of their choice.
- Clients can refer themselves directly to this service or via a voluntary or statutory service.

**the hiv chaplaincy helps clients attain a realistic and optimistic view of the future and the possibilities of living a fulfilling life.**

- It gives clients the opportunity to discuss specific concerns and to help develop strategies to manage and overcome these.
- The Chaplaincy has strong working relationships with other voluntary and statutory agencies and is able to suggest services to clients.

**the hiv chaplaincy recognises that even with advances in treatment and increasing awareness of hiv, people still face stigmatisation and discrimination. many people feel isolated, fear rejection and exist in a state of despair.**

- The Chaplaincy creates a safe space for people affected by HIV, somewhere to be open, honest and candid in a confidential environment.
- The Chaplaincy is a listening ear, a friendly face and a supportive voice.

