

Press Release

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New Senior Chaplain Joins RUH

The Royal United Hospital has appointed a new senior chaplain to head up the chaplaincy team at the hospital. Reverend Alastair Davies, who joins the hospital this week from the Royal Air Force, where he served as chaplain to the RAF's main headquarters at High Wycombe.

Prior to his post in High Wycombe, Alastair was the senior chaplain and team leader at two of the largest operational bases, RAF Brize Norton and Lyneham. Here, he oversaw the repatriation of service personnel from hostilities overseas. He has served in Europe including Berlin, the Middle East and the Falkland Islands and is now looking forward to a period of consolidation, and the challenge of working in a new environment.

Alastair says: "Working with my colleagues Linda Brown and Margaret Joyce, and a strong team of chaplaincy volunteers, I hope to bring fresh insights to the hospital, utilising my leadership and management experience gained in the services.

"The chaplaincy has built a strong reputation - being held in high regard by patients and staff alike - as a friendly and accessible resource for spiritual and pastoral care."

Alistar lives in Bath with his wife Helen who also plans to work at the RUH, and his two teenage daughters who are both at school in Bath.

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