To see a world in a grain of sand
And Heaven in a wild flower
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
And Eternity in an hour

William Blake
“If the doors of perception were cleansed
everything would appear to man as it is, infinite
For man has closed himself up ‘til he sees things
through the narrow chinks of his cavern”

William Blake

Enhance the range and diversity of support available to people who use our services

Promote a deeper understanding of the role of spirituality in healthcare

Contribute to the wider service transformation agenda within the organisation
Solutions require a radical shift in our perceptions, our thinking and our values.

We are now at the beginning of such a fundamental change of worldview in science and society — a change in paradigm as radical as the Copernican Revolution. (Capra)

Spirituality:
- Search for meaning
- Principles, beliefs, values to live by
- Concern for authenticity, integrity
- Qualities that promote human flourishing: hope, inner peace, compassion, emotional resilience
- Concern for social justice
Spiritually competent practice:

Compassionate engagement with the whole person as a unique human being

Connecting or reconnecting someone with a community where they experience a sense of wellbeing

Addressing suffering and developing coping strategies to improve quality of life
‘Spiritual Capital’ – Stanley Hauermas

Local Government policies on community building and cohesion

Demos Report 2012: Faithful Providers

“commissioning faith groups to provide services can save money and strengthen a community”
Faithful providers:

- Government, local authorities should not be squeamish about the religious aspect of faith-motivated service providers
- Little evidence of aggressive proselytizing
- Faith-motivated organisations should be supported in providing services where a ‘holistic’ approach appears to be particularly effective

Spirit in Mind Strategy (SWYPT)

Recognise that faith and humanist communities:

- have a strong local presence
- deep understanding of local needs and social priority
- strong motivation to support wellbeing of their members and the wider community
In addition, faith groups and other spiritual organisations offer:

- A strong and well established volunteering ethos;
- Ongoing involvement with social and community wellbeing agendas;
- Physical resources often in central locations;
- Direct channels into deprived neighbourhoods and hard to reach populations;
- Good sources of local intelligence and knowledge;
- A proven record of delivery of services (in some cases over centuries);
- A diversity of membership which crosses social and economic divides;
- Strong national and international affiliations;
- A good record of ‘sticking around’ over time.

There is abundant evidence locally, regionally and nationally of faith based social action:

- Debt counselling
- Community cafes
- Food banks
- Befriending services
- Meditation
- Bereavement support
- Mindfulness training
- Drop in centres
- Credit unions
- Anti-racism and refuge work
- Local neighbourhood improvement projects
- Work with the elderly
- Street Angels
- Homelessness projects
- Family support
Eligibility
Who can become a ‘spiritual partner’?

- Sharing Trust values
- Competent financial management
- Appropriate insurance
- Robust complaints procedure
- Good practice in areas of safeguarding

Development so far
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