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Nurturing Spirituality in Healthcare Chaplaincy



Broadening the roots: a key feature of nurturing spirituality in healthcare chaplaincy

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Whilst Spirituality is a valuable broad term- its use can be reductionist and flatten the landscape. I would always argue that we need to deliver broad **CRISP** Chaplaincy as teams, acknowledging the diversity of patients and their needs: Cultural Needs - Religious Needs - Individual Needs - Spiritual Needs - Pastoral Needs.

Breadth of delivery demands complexity in how we are 'fed'

- Feeding our cultural roots
- Celebrating our religious/belief identity
- Owning our individuality and passions
- Continuing our spiritual journey
- Taking pastoral care of ourselves/each other

We should not seek homogeneity but individual identity and growth, recognising that different Chaplains draw differently on different roots.

Conclusion. Good chaplaincy cannot deliver one size fits all, 'generic provision', and the spiritual 'feeding' of Chaplaincy teams needs creative diversity.