

# How are faith groups keeping pressure off hospitals?

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## Over 3 Million Covered by Faith Covenant

Six areas have already signed up to the Faith Covenant drafted by the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Faith and Society.

**Local authorities and faith groups pledge to work together.**

WE FUND, TRAIN, ADVISE,  
CAMPAIGN, RESEARCH AND INNOVATE.  
WE DO THIS AS A NATIONAL NETWORK SUPPORTING  
FAITH BASED ORGANISATIONS AT WORK IN THEIR  
LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

### FRIENDLY PLACES



"I believe that there is a significant and positive role for faith communities to play in the support of mental health."

"I pledge to support faith groups in my community to become Friendly Places which welcome and support those struggling with their mental health."

**SIGN THE PLEDGE**

### LATEST NEWS



#### Funding Round-up

The Anchor Foundation is currently accepting applications for grants of between £500 and £10,000 a year for up

# Voluntary Sector Health and Care Strategic Partnership



Department  
of Health



Public Health  
England





# Why 'out of hospital' care?

## Our priorities

From 2016 to 2017, our priorities will be:

- improving out-of-hospital care
- creating the safest, highest quality healthcare services
- maintaining and improving performance against core standards while achieving financial balance
- improving efficiency and productivity of the health and care system
- preventing ill health and supporting people to live healthier lives
- supporting research, innovation and growth
- enabling people and communities to make decisions about their own health and care
- building and developing the workforce
- improving services through the use of digital technology, information and transparency



# We want to...

- Find out where faith-based organisations (FBOs) are **already doing** this kind of work
- Support those who **would like to** get involved
- Hear from **commissioners** on how FBOs can help
- ...And support FBOs to produce **evidence of their work** – through **webinars** and **mentoring**



# What makes faith distinctive?

A

Availability – people, places

B

Belonging – connection in communities

C

Caring – the person, not the problem



# Know who you are and what you do

What's your  
'USP' as a faith  
organisation  
involved in  
health?

What are your  
assets –  
people, skills,  
buildings...?

What health  
activities can  
you help deliver  
– or are you  
delivering  
already?





# How can you show that it works?

FaithAction's guidance on evaluating your work:

[www.faithaction.net/evaluation](http://www.faithaction.net/evaluation)



# CareLink

## BECOME A CARELINK VOLUNTEER

- + Got an hour or two to spare each week?
- + Are you a good listener and like to chat on the phone?
- + Do you want to make a difference to someone who feels lonely?

Our volunteers call over 100 older people every week, helping them overcome feelings of loneliness and isolation.

Volunteering with us can help build your confidence and develop your skills.

You will be given full training and ongoing support as a CareLink telephone befriender.



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[www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nNVHhqD9ss&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nNVHhqD9ss&feature=youtu.be)

# Discussion

Please get in touch to share your experiences relating to the following questions....



What activities are you currently involved in that help keep pressure off hospitals?



## **Faith-based organisations**

Have you tried to engage with the health and care system?

## **Health and care organisations**

Have you tried to engage with faith-based organisations?

**NO – why not?**

**YES – how was the process? what was the result?**

