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This paper has practical implications for understanding the importance and challenges in offering the important Dimension of spiritual domain- an accepted part of whole person care. An aspect of need and importance to the elderly as seen in surveys. The united Kingdom has been in the fore front in recognising this and the positive influence it can have in well-being. The NHS incorporating chaplaincy service and the College of Health Care chaplaincy that brings a professional standards are useful for others who might pursue this direction. This survey which has been conducted gives a useful insight into many practical issues in such area as attitudes to pastoral care. A draw back might be reflected in the true meaning of the multi-faith group for health care chaplaincy in this study the minorities taking part were under represented and thus this might not fully reflect accurately the attitudes of all and certainly the complete need for training dimensions that this survey has identified. This is of some relevance in the current atmosphere that prevails in many western countries and importantly in United Kingdom. All the same there is a confirmation and replication of earlier surveys that have found important avenues of coping through reassurance, invoking hope and that support for patients facing life more so in the elderly. The results showing that these are linked with the important need of meaning and resolution that the chaplaincy was able to support. Although there are areas of weakness in the methodology on balance it address an important area where relatively less evidence is available. Thus we believe its publication will be beneficial to the professional and public that might endeavour to support a similar college of chaplaincy professionals in other parts of the world

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There is a biased representation of the faith community and this might have had some impacts on some of the responses

While dealing with end the end of life issues are very important to this group, There are significant avenues beyond this area and ethics that chaplaincy pastoral care work are able to substantially contribute. This might also reflect a skewered representation of the sample.

Over all this survey replicates, validates and adds new information in an area that is emerging as very important not only in the elderly but to the spectrum of patients with physical and mental problems where there is now a renewed focus on well-being.

It will also be a useful guide to setting up of college of health care chaplaincy professionals in many countries where there is a growing acknowledgement of the need of quality health care chaplaincy professional

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