Objectives:

1. To organise a network of pastoral support for Muslim Chaplain’s & Staff.

2. To prepare, produce and recommend teaching materials and accredited courses.

3. To provide mentoring and job shadowing services for Muslim Chaplains.

4. To engage the communities for the resettlement of prisoners and help to reduce re-offending.

5. To raise funds in order to pursue the activities of the Muslim Chaplain’s Association.

Messages of Support:

“I welcome the networking and support opportunities this association will create and hope this will further enable best practice to be shared across our many prison establishments.”

HMPS Director General, Phil Wheatley

“We welcome this very positive progress in the field of chaplaincy. This will prove to be an excellent step in addressing the needs of offenders & working towards their ‘effective’ resettlement.”

Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) Secretary General Dr. Muhammad Abdul Bari

Aims

- To support Muslim Chaplains
- To work towards the resettlement of prisoners and reduce re-offending
- To engage with the wider communities

I fully endorse the three aims of the MCA. Offering support to Muslim Chaplains in the difficult task they do will be greatly appreciated by Chaplains themselves. In addition, the resettlement of prisoners within the wider community and the subsequent reduction in re-offending is at the heart of government strategy.

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Islam as a way of life lays down the foundation of mankind’s relationship with his Creator. It also imbues in the individual a sense of responsibility for themselves, their family and community.

Allah commands mankind in the Qur’aan:

“Worship Allah and join none with Him; do good to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, the poor, the neighbour who is near of kin, the neighbour who is a stranger, the companion by your side, the wayfarer (you meet), and those whom, your right hand possesses. Verily, Allah does not like those who are proud and boastful”

The Hadith of The Prophet Muhammad - peace be upon him teaches us:

“Mankind are dependants of Allah, The best of His creations are those who are good to His dependant’s”

The prison population in England and Wales has increased significantly over the last decade. This increase has affected all communities including the Muslim community.

The first Muslim Advisor was appointed in 1999 as part of the Chaplaincy HQ team. With the support and encouragement of the Prison Service and the Chaplain General, 34 full-time and 15 part-time Muslim Chaplain’s have been appointed.

Muslim Chaplains in prisons work alongside their colleagues from other faiths. This ensures that, the chaplaincy team fully meet the religious and pastoral needs of prisoners and staff of all faith. It is this partnership working that enables the team to contribute fully to the life of the establishment.

Muslim Chaplains have been leading worship and providing pastoral care in prisons on fee-paid and voluntary basis for over 20 years.

Since the employment of full and part-time Muslim Chaplains they have been meeting regularly, to share good practices and enhance the care provided to prisoners.

We are committed to establishing links between prisons and the community at large. Our aim is to raise awareness and to contribute effectively towards the rehabilitation, education and resettlement of offenders in accordance to the Pathways laid down by NOMS (National Offenders Management Service)

Remember a prisoner comes from your community and will be released back to your community......

Help us to help you
Help our community

You can help us by:

• Becoming volunteers in Prisons
• Taking part in teaching sessions
• Befriending offenders in prisons
• Mentoring ex-offenders in the community