

**Mark Stobert** is Lead Chaplain to Cambridge University Hospitals (CUH) and came into post in November 2018.

Mark previously worked at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley with responsibility for chaplaincy at Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Trust, for over 25 years. He is a registrant and chair of UK Board of Healthcare Chaplaincy (UKBHC) which is the register of healthcare chaplains accredited by the Professional Standards Authority (PSA). Mark was part of the UKBHC task group that produced the successful application for accreditation.

He was president of College of Health care Chaplains (CHCC), the professional body for health care chaplains. Mark is also a registered member of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP).

Mark is currently studying for a Doctorate in Practical Theology (DPT) using critical reflection to explore the chaplaincy practice of creating '*Safe Space for Slow Questions*' with patients, visitors and staff of CUH.

"A 'Slow question' is a question that can't be replied to by a fast answer. Sometimes there are no answers but in asking it can be enough just to be understood. Sometimes the slow question is simply, 'Why?' Sometimes it is the nagging or delicate thought that can only be voiced when it is safe to do so."

He is married and has two sons. His interests are varied and include cycling and mountaineering. His favourite mountain is Clach Glas and Bla bheinn on the Isle of Skye