

Cracks appearing in NHS, but chaplains sail on regardless

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Horror stories about the state of the National Health Service are an almost daily occurrence now. Latest is a [report from the Kings Fund](#) issued this week. The think tank warned that "cracks are beginning to appear" as waiting times creep up, and hospitals struggle with their finances. Hospitals need to cut all unnecessary spending.

Which brings us to an advertisement in this week's Church Times for a "Head of Spiritual and Pastoral Care" at Hillingdon Hospitals. A salary of £30,460 - £40,157 is offered to someone to manage the Trust's Spiritual and Pastoral Care services. He or she will "manage the chaplaincy team". Accommodation available if needed.

Maybe prayer will be the only "treatment" available in hospitals soon as they close and go bankrupt.

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