

Hospitals in dire cash crisis, but the chaplains sail merrily on

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But however many nurses are put on the scrap heap, however many doctors are given their marching orders, there always seems to be money for chaplains.

For example, take a look at this job advert from the latest *Church Times*:

Bradford teaching Hospital – Chaplain, Christian, £25,528–£34,189 for 37.5 hours a week. The Trust says it "recognises that chaplaincy is an essential component of patient care and is committed to maintaining its provision of chaplaincy services".

The Southwest Yorkshire Foundation NHS Trust is also looking for a chaplain on the same salary scale. As is the Weston-Super Mare hospital.

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