



## Information Sheet 4

## Spiritual, Pastoral and Religious Care

## THE SPARC WEB-APP

The SPaRC WebApp was developed in 2022 with funding from the Hospital Charity and technical development work undertaken by the Working Academy at Bradford University. It is envisaged as an additional resource for patient support, a complementary tool for our cross-belief team and an invaluable source of information for staff. In April 2023 it has been shortlisted for the HSJ Digital Award in *Empowering Patients through Digital*.

Initially launched with six beliefs, the next 'Pilot Stage' development has been funded by our charity to add further beliefs (probably Jewish, Pagan, Baha'i) and we are thinking about how to include Atheists, Agnostics and Roma. There will be more circumstances (baby loss, disability) and resources (Hindu prayers) based on feedback from staff and patients. Work is also planned to offer multi-lingual options.

When we talk about a WebApp, it is technically referred to as a 'progressive web app'. It's not one that is downloaded from an App Store, but it is accessed via any web browser on any style of phone. A QR code or web link invites the user to use the SPaRC WebApp. When they first arrive at the landing page, they are prompted to add an icon for the WebApp to their phone's home-screen for future easy access.

*Contents of SPaRC WebApp*

- *List of circumstances which commonly give rise to conversations or concerns*
- *Responses to these circumstances from different beliefs and worldviews*
- *Range of self-help resources in the form of audios, videos and readings*
- *Comprehensive drop-down lists that give specifics of different beliefs to assist in providing appropriate and individualised care*
- *Introductions to the SPaRC team\**
- *List of what can be requested in terms of artifacts and literature\**
- *Contact information\**
- *Locator for SPaRC spaces on a map\**

*\*Denotes what can be localised – other content is universal (shared) but can be augmented*

Interest from other Trusts and organisations means that we have a proposal to develop a White Label Version that is paid for via a localisation fee so you will be able to populate and skin your version of the WebApp to meet your local needs, adding your own information, but using the universal, shared resources. Any subscribers will be able to add to the universal content which will grow in focus and resources as a consequence and benefit every subscriber. The annual subscription pays for the hosting, updating and innovation that will sustain the WebApp and allow for its further evolution.

### Proposed localisation and joining fee (one off) – £1000

- Localisation manual on how to prepare your media, logos, text inserts, contact details etc.
- Instructions on how to link to cloud and instructions on how to generate your own QR code
- Access to universal resources (per belief drop downs, prayer cards, audios etc.)
- WebApp skinned to your trust and service brand
- Insertion of your localised resources and text
- One editorial check by you before your localised WebApp goes live

### Proposed annual subscription fee and offer – £2000 p.a.

- Hosting on cloud
- Technical support
- Curating of evolving resources to ensure consistency and quality
- Implementation of new elements including through co-production
- At least one update per year of universal resources
- Up to two edits of the localised site per year (changing names, adding resources)
- 2 analytics reports on usage per year
- Forum with other subscribers for practice development and collaboration (co-production, evaluation, research, etc.)



Please contact us if you are interested in a collaboration or in localisation. We need a minimum of 5 organisations to sign up to make it viable to develop the White Label Version (costs may reduce if more organisations sign up) and we will be looking for a two-year commitment.

Use this QR code to get to the SPaRC WebApp or use this link  
<https://sparc.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk>

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