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The School of Healthcare welcomes
Professor Wilfred McSherry from
Staffordshire University and the
University Hospitals North Midlands.



16 July | 1 pm – 2pm

Free to attend

Reflections on dignity and spirituality and their role in healthcare?

In recent years there have been a number of reports published that have highlighted significant failings in the care provided by health and social care professionals and institutions in the United Kingdom. Analysis of these reports reveals some recurrent themes and concerns associated with the perceived erosion of core values in care such as compassion, spirituality and dignity.

This presentation will explore the meaning of dignity and spirituality highlighting how refocusing our attention on these fundamental values may challenge the prevailing culture where individual and institutional attitudes do not recognize the humanity and individuality of people.

Wilf is Professor in Nursing, a shared appointment between the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Faculty of Health Sciences, Staffordshire University and the University Hospitals North Midlands, and is part-time Professor at Haraldsplass Deaconess University College, Bergen, Norway. He is the director of the Centre for Health and Social Care Research in the Faculty of Health Sciences. Wilf is a Registered Nurse and primarily worked within Acute Hospital Care, where his interest in the spiritual dimension care developed, an often neglected and forgotten area of care. Prior to his current role, Wilf was senior lecturer in nursing at the University of Hull, where he was also instrumental in creating, and was the director of, the Centre for Spirituality Studies. He is a founding and executive member of the British Association for The Study of Spirituality (BASS) (<http://www.bassspirituality.org.uk/about-us/>) and a Principal Fellow of The Higher Education Academy. In 2012 he was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing for his unique contribution to nursing in the areas of spirituality and dignity.

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