



Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service

Statement of Purpose

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A registered domiciliary care agency not providing medical care or medical treatment

Registered Address for Whitehaven Trust Ltd (VCSNS)

Cedar House, 28 Northumbria Drive, Henleaze, Bristol, BS9 4HP

Whitehaven Trust Ltd is registered in England and Wales as a Company Limited by Guarantee.

Company No: 398716 Charity No: 216064

Registered with the Care Quality Commission as a domiciliary care agency. Accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities, Inc., USA

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1 AIM OF THE SERVICE

The mission of the Service is to provide Christian Science nursing care at home for those who are relying on Christian Science for spiritual healing.

2 OBJECTIVES

- To promote and support Christian Science healing
- To provide Christian Science nursing care, on a temporary basis, enabling patients to stay in their own homes if they so desire.
- To comply with the requirements of the Care Quality Commission (CQC), and the Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities Inc, USA.
- To provide a Registered Manager, who is a Christian Science nurse listed in *The Christian Science Journal*. The Manager oversees the provision of care given to the Service user and also the induction and training of other Christian Science nurses working with the Service.

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE VISITING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING SERVICE AND ITS LOCATION IN RELATION TO THE PATIENTS

The Service is available through Whitehaven Trust Ltd, a registered charity, to provide Christian Science nursing care for those relying solely on the teachings of the Bible, and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer of Christian Science, as their basis for treatment and healing.

- We offer care on a short term basis, with an expectancy of healing. We have no regional boundaries within England for visiting patients, but mainly cover the South West of England.
- The CQC registered office for the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service is located at Cedar House, 28 Northumbria Drive, BS9 4HP in Henleaze, Bristol. Cedar House consists of five one bedroom flats privately rented to tenants by Whitehaven Trust Ltd and a secure office space for the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service. We always visit our patients at their home and the small office space and staff kitchen facilities are used for administrative and storage purposes only. All patient information is stored in a secure filing system in the office. We ensure that all telephone calls and meetings about patients are strictly confidential.
- The Christian Science nurses working for Whitehaven Trust are listed in the Christian Science Journal. We also employ Christian Science nurses who are in training. Christian Science nurses are trained in accordance with the religious beliefs and theology of Christian Science, and bring a professional level of care to all those using the service. See the definition of the Christian Science nurse in the Church Manual of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts, USA: Article VIII Section 31.

4 **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING explained**

Christian Science nursing is a practical, spiritual ministry which actively supports the individual whose desire is to rely entirely on Christian Science for healing. It is founded on the Bible-based theology of Christian Science, which includes Christ Jesus' commandment to love one another. (See John 15:12) . This ministry is carried out with prayer, wisdom, compassion and skill.

The discoverer of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, established the authority and standard for the Christian Science nurse in 1908 which is written in the *Church Manual of the Mother Church (Page 49, Article VIII, Section 31)*

***Christian Science Nurse. Sect.31.** A member of the Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and who can take proper care of the sick.*

The cards of such persons may be inserted in the Christian Science Journal under rules established by the publishers.

Christian Science nurses listed in the Christian Science Journal have presented satisfactory evidence that they fulfil the requirements included in this By-Law.

Specific qualities a Christian Science nurse is expected to exemplify are referred to in the main textbook of Christian Science ***Science and Health with key to the Scriptures*** by Mary Baker Eddy: *"The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, receptive to Truth and Love" p.395*

5 **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**(prepared by Christian Science Nursing Activities, The First Church of Christ, Scientist
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**THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, 210, MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, BOSTON, MA.
USA**

The care of the Christian Science nurse includes:

- Accepting a case with the expectancy of complete and quick healing;
- Giving care that is consistent with the theology and ethics of Christian Science;
- Loving reassurance of God's tender care, ever-presence, and omnipotence; faithfully and consistently acknowledging each individual's spiritual perfection;
- Christian encouragement of a patient's appropriate expression of activity and vitality;
- Reading to or with an individual from the Bible, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures and other writings by Mary Baker Eddy; also, additional literature published by The Christian Science Publishing Society;
- Communication: maintaining an ethical, moral, and loving manner in all communications with the patient, family, friends, Christian Science practitioner, and others; observing ethical and legal requirements with regard to private information about the patient;
- Surroundings: maintaining an atmosphere that is conducive to spiritual healing and supportive of harmonious care;
- Personal care and bathing: assisting with all necessary care to meet the needs of cleanliness and comfort;
- Mobility: assisting with mobility including assisting with standing, walking, moving and settling with or without mobility aids or comfort items;
- Nourishment: preparing and modifying food; assisting with feeding; giving appropriate encouragement to eat;
- Cleansing/bandaging: cleansing, covering and bandaging, to provide for cleanliness, protection, support, and comfort;
- Instructing the patient or others in providing care for meeting individual needs;
- Being obedient to the laws of the land.

The care of the Christian Science nurse does not include:

- Making a medical diagnosis or prognosis;
- Assuming responsibility for making health care decisions for the patient;
- Administering medication, drugs or using medicated, herbal, or vitamin-based products and remedies;
- Using and administering medically oriented techniques or technology, including, but not limited to, administering food or liquids with medical equipment, e.g.— intravenous feeding;
- Manipulation, massage, physical therapy;
- Assuming responsibility for a patient's financial or household business transactions;
- Intruding on the private relationship between the patient and the Christian Science practitioner, or between the patient and his or her family;
- Giving personal advice and counsel.

Fundamental to the ministry of a Christian Science nurse is active, prayerful affirmation of everyone's innate spirituality and responsiveness to God's harmonious government. This spiritual witnessing undergirds each aspect of the care a Christian Science nurse renders.

6 RELIANCE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Individuals using the service are expected to be relying entirely on Christian Science for healing. A 'care needs assessment' will be carried out when the Christian Science nurse first visits the patient. Once an agreement has been made between the patient and the Service, the patient will be required to be in regular contact with a *Journal Listed* Christian Science practitioner for Christian Science treatment.

We are not able to provide Christian Science nursing care for those who do not have an understanding of the theology and practice of Christian Science.

Christian Science nurses are not medically trained nurses, therefore medical treatment or medical techniques are not included with the Service.

The Service may be contacted free of charge for consultation or advice about Christian Science nursing on: **0800-030-4157**

7 NAME AND ADDRESS OF REGISTERED PROVIDER

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8 NAME AND ADDRESS OF REGISTERED MANAGER

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9 THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER

Whitehaven Trust is a charitable limited company, registered with the Charities Commission and Companies House

Charity no. 216064

Company no. 398716

Registered with the Care Quality Commission

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Accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities Inc, USA

Address: The Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities Inc, PO Box 97813, Raleigh, North Carolina 27624, USA.

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