***Due to emails being stopped by our security system and to ensure your application does not get quarantined, please include the Campaign Reference Number and the Campaign Name on the subject line of the email when submitting applications***

APPLICATION FORM

**NFMHSCHAP1, Chaplain**

 **National Forensics Mental Health Service**

* Please read the Job Specification which provides useful information about the requirements of this role.
* Please ensure you download, read and fully understand the ‘Additional Campaign Information’ document specific to this campaign that is available on <http://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/jobs/job_search/>.

# Please ensure you read the instructions for the completion of this Application Form and complete all areas, including the eligibility criteria section, in full. Failure to complete all areas of the Application Form will result in you not being brought forward to the interview stage of the selection process.

* You must submit your application form via email only and we will accept the application form unsigned. You will be required to sign the General Declaration at a later date.
* Candidates should note that there can be a time delay in receiving email applications. We recommend that applicants wishing to return an application by email should allow a minimum of 1 hour for their application to arrive by **12:00PM on Monday 15th September 2025** the closing date**.** Applications **will not** be accepted after this date and time, no exceptions will be made.
* It is preferable that Application Forms are typed.
* **As we are only accepting applications by email applications must be submitted in a Microsoft Word format only**. Applications stored on personal online storage sites, e.g. Onedrive, Cloud, Dropbox, Google Drive etc. will not be accepted. Applications submitted in other file formats e.g. Google Docs will not be accepted. Please pay particular attention to ensure that your application is attached as an attachment (not a link to an online storage site e.g. Google Drive) when emailing your application.
* In relation to details of employment, if the space provided is insufficient, please attach additional pages ensuring to use the same format.
* Should you be invited for interview, you may take a 'hard' copy (i.e. paper copy) of your Application Form with you. Mobile devices are not permitted for use during your interview.
* The Health Service Executive will run this campaign in compliance with the Code of Practice prepared by the Commission for Public Service Appointments (CPSA). The Codes of Practice are available on the CPSA website www.cpsa.ie. Further information is also available in the Additional Campaign Information document.
* The Health Service Executive is an Equal Opportunities Employer.
* The Health Service Executive recognises its responsibilities under the Data Protection Acts 1988 to 2018 and the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

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| **Closing Date & Time** | 12.00 PM on Monday 15th September 2025 |
| **Return Application Forms To** | recruitment.nfmhs@hse.ie with NFMHSCHAP1, Chaplain **Please note that you must submit your application form via email only.** Email applications will receive a response within 2 working days, which will let you know that we received your email. If you have not received an email response within 5 working days, we highly recommend that you contact NFMHS via email to recruitment.nfmhs@hse.ie to verify that your email has been received. |
| **Anticipated Interview Date(s)** | Proposed interview dates will be indicated at a later stage. Please note you may be called forward for interview at short notice**.**  |

**Application Details**

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| Position Applied For: | **Chaplain** |
| Campaign Reference No.: | **NFMHSCHAP1** |
| **Personal Details** |  |
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| Last Name: |  |
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| Postal Address for Correspondence: |  |
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| Mobile Telephone **(mandatory)**: |  |
| Contact Telephone No. 2: |  |

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| Email Address **(mandatory)**:(You may provide more than one) |  |

**European Economic Area (EEA)**

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| **Please select one of the following:** | **** |
| I am an EEA National |  |
| I am a British National |  |
| I am a Swiss National |  |
| I am a Non-EEA National |  |

**If you are a non-EEA citizen you must provide the requested documentation to support your application**. Please see Appendix 2 of the ‘Additional Campaign Information’ document for further information and for a definition of an EEA National.

In order to help us gauge the efficiency of our advertising strategy for this campaign, we would appreciate if you indicated below where you saw the campaign advertised. *+*

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| HSE Website  | [ ]  |
| Word of mouth – my manager/colleague | [ ]  |
| Public Jobs  | [ ]  |
| Irishjobs.ie | [ ]  |
| Jobs.ie | [ ]  |
| LinkedIn | [ ]  |
| Indeed | [ ]  |
|  Other – please say which | [ ]  |

*+ More than one indication is allowed.*

1. **Current Contractual Status**
2. **I am directly employed by the HSE, TUSLA, other statutory health agencies\*, or a body which provides services on behalf of the HSE under Section 38 of the Health Act 2004**

**Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]

If you answered Yes to the above question, please choose the option below which best matches your current contractual status:

**I have a permanent contract** [ ]

**Or**

**I have a temporary contract** [ ]

1. **I am employed by a Recruitment Agency and am currently placed in the HSE, TUSLA, other statutory health agencies\*, or a body which provides services on behalf of the HSE under Section 38 of the Health Act 2004**

**Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]

**If you are employed by a Recruitment Agency and are currently placed in the HSE, TUSLA, please tick the HSE / TUSLA Area in which you work:**

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| Dublin North East |  | West |  |

1. **I do not currently work in the HSE, TUSLA, other statutory health agencies\*, or a body which provides services on behalf of the HSE under Section 38 of the Health Act 2004**

**Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]

\* A list of ‘other statutory health agencies’ can be found:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/9c9c03-bodies-under-the-aegis-of-the-department-of-health/?referrer=http://www.health.gov.ie/about-us/agencies-health-bodies/>

**QUALIFICATIONS & ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Please indicate below how your qualifications and professional experience meets the eligibility criteria for the post of Chaplain. **Please note that if you omit information in this section pertinent to the eligibility criteria you may be deemed ineligible and subsequently not called forward to interview.**  Please read Appendix 1 of Additional Campaign Information before completing each section below.

**1 (i) Possess a Quality and Qualifications Ireland Level 8 (or higher) degree in Theology from a recognised institute**

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**Or**

**(ii) Hold a qualification at least equivalent to (i) above**

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| **I am accredited as a Chaplain by an approved accreditation body**  | **Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
|  | Name of Accreditation Body: |
| **I am entitled to be accredited as a Chaplain by an approved accreditation body**  | **Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
|  | Name of Accreditation Body: |

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**And**

(iii) Have undertaken three units of Clinical Pastoral Education in an approved centre:

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1. Accreditation: Candidates must be accredited as a Chaplain by an approved accreditation body. Please provide details of your accreditation status in the table below.

If you are accredited by an approved body, please provide details of your accreditation in the table below. Please take special care in completing this section. Any errors or ommissions may not be rectified after the closing date and time of receipt of applications.

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| Name of Accreditation Body: |  |
| Accreditation / Registration Number: |  |
| Accreditation / Registration Date: |  |
| Accreditation / Registration Expiry Date: |  |

Seeking accreditation as a Chaplain with an approved accreditation body is the responsibility of the applicant.

**ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Please list your second level and any (additional) third level educational achievements.**

**Please refer to the QQI website,** [**https://www.qqi.ie/what-we-do/the-qualifications-system/national-framework-of-qualifications**](https://www.qqi.ie/what-we-do/the-qualifications-system/national-framework-of-qualifications)**, to determine what level your qualification(s) is at on the National Framework of Qualifications**

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| **Dates****From/To** | **Educational Institution** | **Conferring****Body** | **Course of Study** | **Qualification Level on the NFQ** *(Please insert n/a if not applicable to your Course of Study)* | **Qualification Achieved** |
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### CAREER OVERVIEW

Please ensure your full career history is clearly outlined below (e.g. if you took a career break, spent time out of work, please include this information so there are **no gaps in your career history** from when you left full-time education to present date).

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**Detailed Career History - please begin by listing the most recent first.**

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| **Job Title: Grade/ Management Level (if applicable):** |
| **Employer(s) & Department Name:** |
| **From (00/00):** | **To (00/00):** |
| **Main Roles & Responsibilities:** |

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| **Main Roles & Responsibilities:** |

**Competency Questions 1 – 4**

A guide to completing supplementary questions is available in Appendix 1 of this application form. It is strongly recommended that you read the guide before completing this section of your application form.

In the spaces below, briefly describe what you consider to be a good example of demonstrating your ability in each of the skill areas. A summary definition of each skill area is provided for your information. This is a summary of what we mean by each skill heading. Please provide the information in the format requested at (a), (b), and (c) on the “Information on completing the Supplementary Questions” Section. Remember anything you say may be used as part of a shortlisting/ranking exercise and may be discussed in more depth at interview, should you be called to one.

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| 1. **Planning and Organising Skills**

It is important for a Chaplain to be able to plan and prioritise their workload effectively. Within this, s/he must have the ability to pre-empt potential problems or competing priorities and take appropriate action to ensure service standards are maintained. The Chaplain will demonstrate innovation in aiming to work within available resource allocations to sustain and enhance the service. *In the space below, please give an example of a situation where you best demonstrated your ability in this area.* |
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| 1. **Leadership & Teamwork**

It is important that the Chaplain can work independently as well as part of a wider team, building and maintaining relationships and understanding and valuing individuals and their respective professional roles. S/he maintains open communication channels with team members and others as appropriate. *In the space below, please give an example of a situation where you best demonstrated your ability in this area.* |
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| 1. **Interpersonal & Communication Skills**

It is important that a Chaplain demonstrates effective interpersonal and communication skills including the ability to present information in a clear and concise manner. S/he demonstrates the ability to facilitate and manage groups. S/he demonstrates the ability to give constructive feedback to encourage learning and the delivery of complex information in understandable terms.*In the space below, please give an example of a situation where you best demonstrated your ability in this area.* |
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| 1. **Experience Relevant To The Role**

In this area, we ask you to focus on your experience to date that is relevant to the role.  Please provide below specific details from your professional experience to date that you feel helps you meet the requirements for this post as detailed in the Job Specification.  **It is important that your answer to this question does not exceed 1 page.** **Information you provide in this section and in other areas of the application form may be used as part of a short listing exercise and may be discussed in more depth at interview, should you be called to one.***Please include dates, the name of your employer & department where you worked.* |
| **Date(s) from – Date(s) to** | **Employer(s) & Department Name** |
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| Please outline your depth and breadth of experience as relevant to the role.  |

**General Declaration**

It is important that you read this Declaration carefully.

**Part 1:** Obligations Placed on Candidates who participate in The Recruitment Process.

The Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004 and Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Amendment Act 2013 makes very specific provisions in relation to the responsibilities placed on candidates who participate in recruitment campaigns and these are detailed in Section 4 of the Code of Practice issued under the Act.

These obligations are as follows:

Any canvassing by or on behalf of candidates shall result in disqualification and exclusion from the recruitment process. Candidates shall not:

* knowingly or recklessly make a false or a misleading application
* knowingly or recklessly provide false information or documentation
* canvass any person with or without inducements
* impersonate a candidate at any stage of the process
* knowingly or maliciously obstruct or interfere with the recruitment process
* knowingly and without lawful authority take any action that could result in the compromising of any test material or of any evaluation of it
* interfere with or compromise the process in any way

Any person who contravenes the above provisions, or who assists another person in contravening the above provisions, shall be guilty of an offence.

It is the policy of the HSE to report any such above contraventions to An Garda Siochána.

In addition, where a person found guilty of an offence was or is a candidate at a recruitment / selection process, then, in accordance with the Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004 and Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Amendment Act 2013.

* where he / she has not been appointed to a post, he / shall be disqualified as a candidate; and
* where he / she has been appointed as a result of that process, he / she shall forfeit that appointment

**Part 2**

**Declaration:** “I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief there is nothing in relation to my conduct, character or personal background of any nature that would adversely affect the position of trust in which I would be placed by virtue of my appointment to this position. I hereby confirm my irrevocable consent to the Health Service Executive to the making of such enquiries, as the Health Service Executive deems necessary in respect of my suitability for the post in respect of which this application is made.

I hereby accept and confirm the entitlement of the Health Service Executive to reject my application or terminate my employment (in the event of a contract of employment having been entered into) if I have omitted to furnish the Health Service Executive with any information relevant to my application or to my continued employment with the Health Service Executive or where I have made any false statement or misrepresentation relevant to this application or my continuing employment with the Health Service Executive.

Furthermore, I hereby declare that all the particulars furnished in connection with this application are true, and that I am aware of the qualifications and particulars for this position. I understand that I may be required to submit documentary evidence in support of any particulars given by me on my Application Form. I understand that any false or misleading information submitted by me will render me liable to automatic disqualification or render me liable to dismissal, if employed.”

**Signed:**

*(Name of Applicant)*

**Date:**

NB: If you are submitting your application form via email we will accept the application form unsigned but you will be required to sign the Declaration at interview should you be invited to one. Failure to sign this declaration at interview will render it invalid.

### REFERENCES

Please give three referees (including your current employer). Please ensure that the referees you provide are from a professional perspective. We retain the right to contact all previous employers.

Do you wish us to contact you prior to contacting your referees? Yes [ ]  / No [ ]

**1. Name and Job Title of Referee:**

**Dates From-To (MM/YY- MM/YY):**

**Professional Relationship to Candidate:**

**Postal Address:**

**Telephone Contact Details:** Mobile: Landline:

**Email Address:**

**2. Name and Job Title of Referee:**

**Dates From-To (MM/YY- MM/YY):**

**Professional Relationship to Candidate:**

**Postal Address:**

**Telephone Contact Details:** Mobile: Landline:

**Email Address:**

**3. Name and Job Title of Referee:**

**Dates From-To (MM/YY- MM/YY):**

**Professional Relationship to Candidate:**

**Postal Address:**

**Telephone Contact Details:** Mobile: Landline:

**Email Address:**

### APPLICANT CHECKLIST

If all required details / documentation (as below) are not submitted with your application we will be unable to process your application to the next stage of the process i.e. short listing / interview.

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| Mobile Telephone NumberEmail AddressPostal Address | [ ] [ ] [ ]  | **Mandatory** |
| That the information you have provided in the Eligibility Criteria section clearly shows how your experience matches the requirements. Dates should be clearly indicated i.e. DD/MM/YY, qualification titles etc. | [ ]  |
| Work Permit Documentation (if relevant to non-EEA applicants). Please refer to Appendix 2 of the Additional Campaign information document for details of documentation required. | [ ]  |
| Application is submitted by the closing date and time and that you have used the campaign reference in the subject line of your email. | [ ]  |
| That you have downloaded and saved the Job Specification and Additional Campaign Information for future reference. |

# Appendix 1

**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS**

**Information on completing the Supplementary Questions overleaf:**

In this following section, you are required to describe some of your personal achievements to date that demonstrate certain necessary skills and qualities required for the post. The skills and qualities are outlined in the Questions Areas 1 - 3 on the following pages.

All question areas must be completed and remember that you will be questioned on all areas at interview**.** The instructions below will help you to complete your answers, but you should also consider these instructions when you are preparing for interview.

For each **Question Area** **1-3** you are given a description of a skill or quality. You are then asked to describe a situation, from your own experience, which you think is the best example of what **YOU** have done which demonstrates this skill or quality. It is essential that you describe how **you** demonstrated the skill or quality in question.

The information you present here may form part of a ranking exercise process, and may also be used to help structure your interview, if you are invited to one. A ranking exercise may apply based on the information you provide in your application form. This means that a ranking board will “rank” applicants based on information put forward in the supplementary questions section of your application form. Interviews may be held on a phased basis, inviting applicants to interview based on the position held in the ranking exercise. A primary panel will be formed of candidates successful in the first phase of interviews. If subsequent interviews are held candidates successful at these interviews will be added to the end of the primary panel and will be listed with a lower order of merit.

Therefore, compose your replies carefully in this section and try to structure what you write so that you give specific information about what youhave done - for example, do not simply say that “X was successful”, describe exactly whatyou did and how you demonstrated the skill or quality in question.

**Do not exceed the space allowed in the boxes.** One of the key skills required is the ability to **write clearly and concisely and your written communication skills will be assessed against what you write on your application form**.

For each example please include the following:

**(a)** **the nature of the task, problem or objective;**

**(b) what you actually did and how you demonstrated the skill or quality (and, where appropriate, the date you demonstrated it);**

**(c) the outcome or result of the situation and your estimate of the proportion of credit you can claim for the outcome.**

Please do not use the same example to illustrate your answer to more than two skill areas.

Please note that, should you be called to interview, the board may look for **additional examples** of where you demonstrated the skills required for this post so you should think of a number of examples of where you demonstrated each of the skills.

• Give specific examples – most questions will ask you to describe an example of when you have demonstrated a skill: try to do this concisely but with enough detail so that the reader will be clear about what you actually did. This detail might include information about timescales, the number of people involved, budgets etc. It can help to use bullet points to that the sequence of events is clear to the reader.

• Give a range of examples – if possible, base your answers on different situations or challenges you faced rather than rely on just one experience. This helps the reader to evaluate how you tackle different challenges and not just your behaviour in a ‘one off’ situation.

• Be concrete rather than theoretical – a clear description of how you actually behaved in a particular situation (and why) is of much more use to the reader than a vague or general description of what you consider to be desirable attributes.