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Ramadan and Eid Guidance 2023

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Guidance for NHS Muslim staff, managers and colleagues

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Co-Chairs foreword

We are so pleased and honoured to be releasing our Ramadan and Eid guidance for 2023.

Firstly, we wish all our Muslim colleagues, allies, and friends a very happy Ramadan Mubarak, and Eid Mubarak.

This is the official Ramadan and Eid guidance developed by the National NHS Muslim Network to provide colleagues, line managers and senior leaders across the NHS an understanding of Ramadan and Eid. The purpose of this guide is to:

- Support Muslim colleagues
- Educate Managers and colleagues
- Provide a reference point for allies

As we all know our NHS People Promise is a promise we must all make to each other – to work together to improve the experience of working in the NHS for everyone. The NHS People Promise is made up of 7 pillars. One of them being **‘We are compassionate and inclusive’**, which means:

- We do not tolerate any form of discrimination, bullying or violence.
- We are open and inclusive.
- We make the NHS a place where we all feel we belong.
- Together, WE make the NHS the best place to work.

This guide and everything we do aligns to the NHS People Promise.

We encourage you to read and discuss the contents of this guidance within teams, share this more widely to improve understanding, be an ally, and act as a reminder to create an inclusive working environment.

Within the guidance you will see the support and events that we are holding to support Muslim colleagues, allies and friends.

We wish you a blessed Ramadan, and a very happy Eid.



Shohail Shaikh



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Co-Chairs of the National NHS Muslim Network

Ramadan explained

What is Ramadan?

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic (lunar) calendar and is one of the holiest months of the year for Muslims. Ramadan is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community. It also marks the first revelation of the holy Quran to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). The annual observance of Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam and lasts twenty-nine to thirty days, from one sighting of the crescent moon to the next.

When is Ramadan?

The start and end of Ramadan is dependent on the sighting of the new moon.

Therefore, there are different scenarios for the start and end dates of Ramadan and when Eid Al-Fitr will be celebrated, as shown below:

Start of Ramadan*	First day of fasting	Last day of fasting (and date of Eid Al-Fitr)
Evening of Tuesday, 21 March 2023	Wednesday, 22 March 2023	29 days: Wednesday, 19 April 2023 (Eid Al-Fitr: 20 April 2023) 30 days: Thursday, 20 April 2023 (Eid Al-Fitr: 21 April 2023)
Evening of Wednesday, 22 March 2023	Thursday, 23 March 2023	29 days: Thursday, 20 April 2023 (Eid Al-Fitr: 21 April 2023) 30 days: Friday, 21 April 2023 (Eid Al-Fitr: 22 April 2023)

Please note: some Muslims follow local sightings or closest Muslim country for the new moon, however some Muslims follow the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Therefore, Muslims in the same team may be starting and finishing Ramadan on different days. This also means Muslims may celebrate Eid Al-Fitr on different days too.

*The Islamic day starts at sunset (Magrib).

How long does Ramadan last?

Ramadan lasts between 29 or 30 days, dependent on sighting the new moon. Different scenarios illustrated above.

Why does the start and end of Ramadan change each year?

The Islamic calendar is based on the lunar cycle, which is around 11 days shorter than the solar Gregorian calendar and therefore starts earlier each successive year. The month starts on the night the new moon is sighted.

Ramadan explained

Why do Muslims fast in Ramadan?

The primary purpose of this month is to improve God consciousness, or Taqwa, when transliterated from Arabic.

The Quran mentions this (Surah al-Baqarah, verse 183):

“O you who believe, fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may learn God-consciousness and self-restraining fear (taqwa)”.

The simple translation of the verse above highlights that fasting is made obligatory for the believers in Islam and that fasting was prescribed to the nations of the previous Prophets i.e. David, Moses, Jesus (peace be upon them) to become more conscious of God.

It is a time of spiritual reflection, self-improvement and worship when Muslims draw closer to God. Taqwa is achieved through an increase in prayers, reading the Qur'an and giving charity, amongst other actions. Muslims aim to continue positive values such as generosity, patience and forgiveness, with the intention that they strive to maintain these model values throughout the year.

The act of fasting allows the individual to understand the pain and suffering of millions around the world who live their lives in poverty and famine, leaving the participant feeling more grounded and grateful for all that Allah (God) has given them.

The most known and recognised action in this month is fasting, which is an obligatory act for all Muslims, if they are able to fast.

What times do Muslims fast each day during Ramadan?

Muslims fast from the break of dawn (Fajr) to sunset (Magrib). At the start of Ramadan this means from approximately 4.18am to 6.18pm (14 hours). However as the month progresses the time span increases for the fast due to the increase in daylight hours. By the end of the month the fast will take place approximately from 4.18am to 8.05pm (16 hours).

Please note: timings will vary dependent on where you live within the UK.

What does fasting involve?

During fasting hours, Muslims abstain from food, drink (including water), smoking/vaping, chewing gum, and sexual activity between the break of dawn and sunset. Muslims at all times should already be avoiding inappropriate behaviour i.e. swearing, lying, bad intentions, etc.

Ramadan explained

When can Muslims eat and drink during Ramadan?

Muslims eat a prefast meal known as suhur. This meal often resembles breakfast, but in some cultures it may include more dinner-like foods. After sundown, Muslims break their fast with iftar, a meal which usually starts with dates and water or milk, followed by dinner. Muslims are permitted to snack at night between those two meals, and hydration is encouraged, especially when Ramadan falls during summer.

Do all Muslims need to fast?

All Muslims post-puberty have to fast. Fasting is only prescribed for those able to do so. Many Muslims who are unable to fast will engage in the other forms of worship. Those listed below, amongst others, are exempt from fasting:

Young children (pre-puberty)	Elderly	Sickness or those with serious or long- term illnesses	Pregnant or breast-feeding Women if they're unable to	Menstruating Women or those experiencing lochia	Travellers
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For some individuals i.e. those who missed a fast due to short-term sickness and menstruating women have to make up their lost days of fasting before the next Ramadan. Those who can fast, but have to break their fast due to ill health, and those who are exempt from fasting are required to offer a specific type of charity, known as 'fidya' in Arabic, in lieu of their fast. This charity is used to feed the hungry.

What are the other factors to be mindful of during Ramadan?

In addition to regular obligatory prayers, Ramadan brings additional voluntary acts of worship, which are encouraged:

- Tarawih prayers: These are congregational prayers performed in Mosques each night during Ramadan in addition to the five daily prayers. The Imam (person who leads the prayer) will usually recite the entire Qur'an over the month, and prayers can last between one to two hours each night.
- Itikhaf: The last ten days of Ramadan are the holiest, so some Muslims spend them in seclusion, known as Itikhaf, where they dedicate the entire period to worshipping Allah, devoid of any distraction.
- Laylatul-Qadr: The 'Night of Power', takes place during the last ten nights, and is when the Qur'an was revealed. Muslims are encouraged to increase their worship on this night, and some do so throughout the night. Most Muslims will also increase the amount of charity (for some this may include Zakat) during this period.
- Quran: Muslims are encouraged to read, study and reflect upon the Quran throughout Ramadan.

Ramadan explained

What is the biggest impact on Muslims during Ramadan?

Most Muslims will have lower levels of energy during Ramadan, as they will be fasting from the break of dawn to sunset. They may also be sleep deprived as some Muslims will choose to worship a significant proportion of the night. This is especially the case in the last 10 days of Ramadan. Ramadan only comes once a year so most Muslims will want to make the most of this holy month and engage with additional worship, which is highly encouraged.

Eid Al-Fitr explained

Eid Al-Fitr

- Muslims Celebrate Eid Al-Fitr at the end of Ramadan.
- The celebration is also a form of thanking Allah for the help and strength provided throughout Ramadan to help them practise self-control.
- Eid is announced at the sight of the new moon that is seen in the sky. Muslims in most countries rely on news of an official sighting, rather than looking for the moon themselves.
- The celebratory atmosphere is increased by everyone wearing their best or new clothes, and decorating their homes.
- Muslims celebrate Eid Al-Fitr by attending special morning prayers outdoors or in mosques, and subsequently gather with loved ones for a special celebratory meal.
- Eid is also a time of forgiveness, and making amends.
- Eid Al-Fitr is celebrated for up to 3 days.

Guidance for line managers

The NHS has a diverse workforce. Line managers should be aware of key advice relating to Muslim staff who may be observing/fasting during the month of Ramadan. We recommend the following tips for supporting NHS Muslim staff and colleagues throughout the month of Ramadan:

- Do not make assumptions about who may or may not be observing Ramadan – Islam is a faith that welcomes people of all races and backgrounds. Therefore, please create the space and opportunity for colleagues to discuss whether they are observing Ramadan.
- Remember that some Muslim staff may be exempt from fasting (discussed earlier) so managers are asked to be mindful and sensitive and advised not to ask why a Muslim colleague is eating and/or drinking, etc.
- Observing Ramadan may not be noticeable so make it easy for your team members to let you know if they are fasting. For example, by increasing awareness around fasting and Ramadan through prompting the discussions within team meetings and communications such as newsletters.
- If you manage a member of staff who will be observing Ramadan, ensure that you have some one-to-one time to discuss any workplace adjustments that can be considered. For example, staff may prefer to take their breaks at irregular times or split them throughout the day.
- Flexibility is key. Therefore, if you are managing a member of staff that is fasting, please discuss working arrangements, which may include earlier/later start and finish times, and working from home arrangements, as long as this does not cause a detrimental impact on patient care and service delivery. Managers are encouraged to provide as much flexibility as possible.
- If members of the team observing Ramadan feel comfortable doing so, encourage them to give short presentations and have discussions about Ramadan and how the team can best support them.
- Fasting can affect people in different ways (for example, some people may understandably become a little quieter or slightly tired at times).
- Dignity and respect from managers and colleagues are helpful and expected behaviours. Since colleagues that are fasting will not be drinking any fluid (including water) throughout the day, they may feel less energetic and prefer more non-verbal means of communication on occasions – this should not be taken personally and instead a variety of communication methods should be made possible e.g. chatbox function rather than talking in meetings.
- Colleagues who are fasting will not expect others, who are not observing Ramadan to do the same, so please do not feel anxious about making a cup of tea or eating your lunch. However, please be sensitive by not continually offering them a piece of cake!

Guidance for line managers (continued)

- You may find that some staff request leave during Ramadan, specifically towards the end of Ramadan to help them focus on and increase their acts of worship. This should be treated as any other annual leave request; therefore, managers should use their judgment to ensure that any negative impact on the team and delivery outcomes (including direct patient care) is mitigated against whilst also trying to accommodate as fully as possible. Similarly, managers are encouraged to be as accommodating as possible to paid and unpaid leave (where viable). When Ramadan falls in the summer months it can be particularly challenging, as the days are longer.
- There is uncertainty around what day Eid Al-Fitr will fall on (discussed previously) as it depends on the sighting of the moon which is only known in the last day of Ramadan. Staff may ask to take annual leave on either day, managers should therefore try and be flexible to accommodate for this.
- Eid Al-Fitr is celebrated for up to 3 days, therefore please try to be as accommodating as possible for Muslim colleagues who request leave during this period.
- Please ensure staff have reasonable time during the day to complete prayers, and an appropriate space for prayer within the working environment is allocated.
- Hold regular wellbeing check-ins with Muslim colleagues who are fasting for Ramadan.
- Please remember that Religion is a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010, and therefore please do all you can to ensure flexibility, inclusion and compassion is shown to Muslim colleagues that are fasting during the holy month of Ramadan.

Guidance for colleagues who work with Muslim staff

For colleagues working with Muslim staff who may be observing/fasting during the month of Ramadan, we recommend the following tips:

- It is ok to ask questions about Ramadan and why Muslims fast. Check with your colleague how comfortable they feel speaking about their faith.
- Do not be afraid to eat or drink around Muslim colleagues. The vast majority have been fasting since they were young and are used to it.
- Please be kind and compassionate. Ramadan is a beautiful time of the year for Muslims, however it is physically tiring, so do try to check-in with your Muslim colleagues and show them empathy and kindness.
- Muslim colleagues may be working different hours than usual, please do what you can to support Muslim colleagues during Ramadan.
- Use this opportunity to learn more about Ramadan – be curious and educate yourself, so you can support your Muslim colleagues.
- Do not make assumptions about who may or may not be observing Ramadan – Islam is a faith that welcomes people of all races and backgrounds. Therefore, please create the space and opportunity for colleagues to discuss whether they are observing Ramadan.
- Remember that some Muslim staff may be exempt from fasting (discussed earlier) so please be mindful and sensitive and do not ask why a Muslim colleague is eating and/or drinking, etc.
- Please remember that Religion is a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010, and therefore please do all you can to ensure flexibility, inclusion and compassion is shown to Muslim colleagues that are fasting during the holy month of Ramadan.
- Your Muslim colleague may become different/quieter during Ramadan, please do not take this personally!

Guidance for Muslim colleagues

For Muslim colleagues observing/fasting during the month of Ramadan, we recommend the following tips:

Planning

- Plan ahead - speak to your line manager about workplace arrangements you will need.
- Request leave early in advance of Ramadan if possible, so your line manager can plan accordingly.
- Request leave for Eid Al-Fitr, and book both possible days off, and explain to your manager that Eid Al-Fitr is dependent on sighting of the new moon.
- Take personal responsibility for ensuring that neither business needs, nor your own needs, are unnecessarily impacted, including working from home.
- If you are fasting for Ramadan, please let others know of your needs and share your experience with colleagues, if you feel comfortable.
- When considering flexible working arrangements, think about times and environments at/in which you work best.
- Please be mindful of other Muslim colleagues within the team who may need time off as well.
- Remember the benefits and blessings that Ramadan bring - think positively! Use the examples listed in this guide or look online for tips and information on how you can make the most of your Ramadan!

Guidance for Muslim colleagues *(continued)*

Food

Complex carbohydrates are foods that will help release energy slowly during the long hours of fasting. Complex carbohydrates are found in grains and seeds, like barley, wheat, oats, millets, semolina, beans, lentils, wholemeal flour, basmati rice, etc.

Fibre-rich foods are also digested slowly and include bran, cereals, whole wheat, grains and seeds, potatoes with the skin, vegetables such as green beans and almost all fruit, including apricots, prunes, figs, etc.

Foods to avoid

Deep-fried foods, e.g. pakoras, samosas, fried dumplings.

High-sugar/high-fat foods, e.g. sweets such as Ghulab Jamun, Rasgulla, Balushahi, Baklava.

High-fat cooked foods, e.g. parathas, oily curries, greasy pastries.

Fast food.

Healthy alternative foods

Whole grains, e.g. chickpeas (plain, or with potato), samosas baked instead of fried, and boiled dumplings.

Milk-based sweets and puddings, e.g. Rasmalai, Barfee.

Alternate with chapattis made without oil, and baked or grilled meat and chicken. Try to make pastry at home and use a single layer.

Use this time to make healthy home-made meals that have nutritious value.

Cooking methods to avoid

Deep frying.

Frying.

Curries with excessive oil.

Alternative cooking methods

Air fry or shallow frying – usually there is very little difference in taste.

Grilling or baking is healthier and helps retain the taste and original flavour of the food, especially chicken and fish.

Start with measuring the oil used in curry and try to bring the oil content down gradually. A useful tip is to use more onions and tomatoes in the bulk of the curry.

Potential health complications:

- Heartburn: Eat in moderation and avoid oily/deep fried food.
- Poor control of diabetes: Visit your GP prior to Ramadan and get advice.
- Headache: A common symptom, moderate and balanced diet, do not miss pre-dawn meal and have enough fluids.
- Dehydration: Common, drink plenty of fluids in pre-dawn meal and when opening fast.
- Complications from common chronic diseases, this includes high blood pressure, asthma and so on: Consult your doctor prior to Ramadan.
- Constipation: Maintain good hydration outside of fasting, eat healthy – include lots of fruit and veg.
- Stress: Lack of food and water, changes of routine and shorter periods of sleep can all collude to increase stress levels, avoid taking on extra work and/or activities.

Guidance for Muslim colleagues *(continued)*

Sleep

Getting enough sleep is important in maintaining our everyday health, wellbeing and general ability to function well throughout the day. During Ramadan, our normal sleep schedule can be disrupted by worship activities and social gatherings, which often run late into the night - altering our sleeping and eating habits. This can upset our biological clocks and affect our general health in a number of ways.

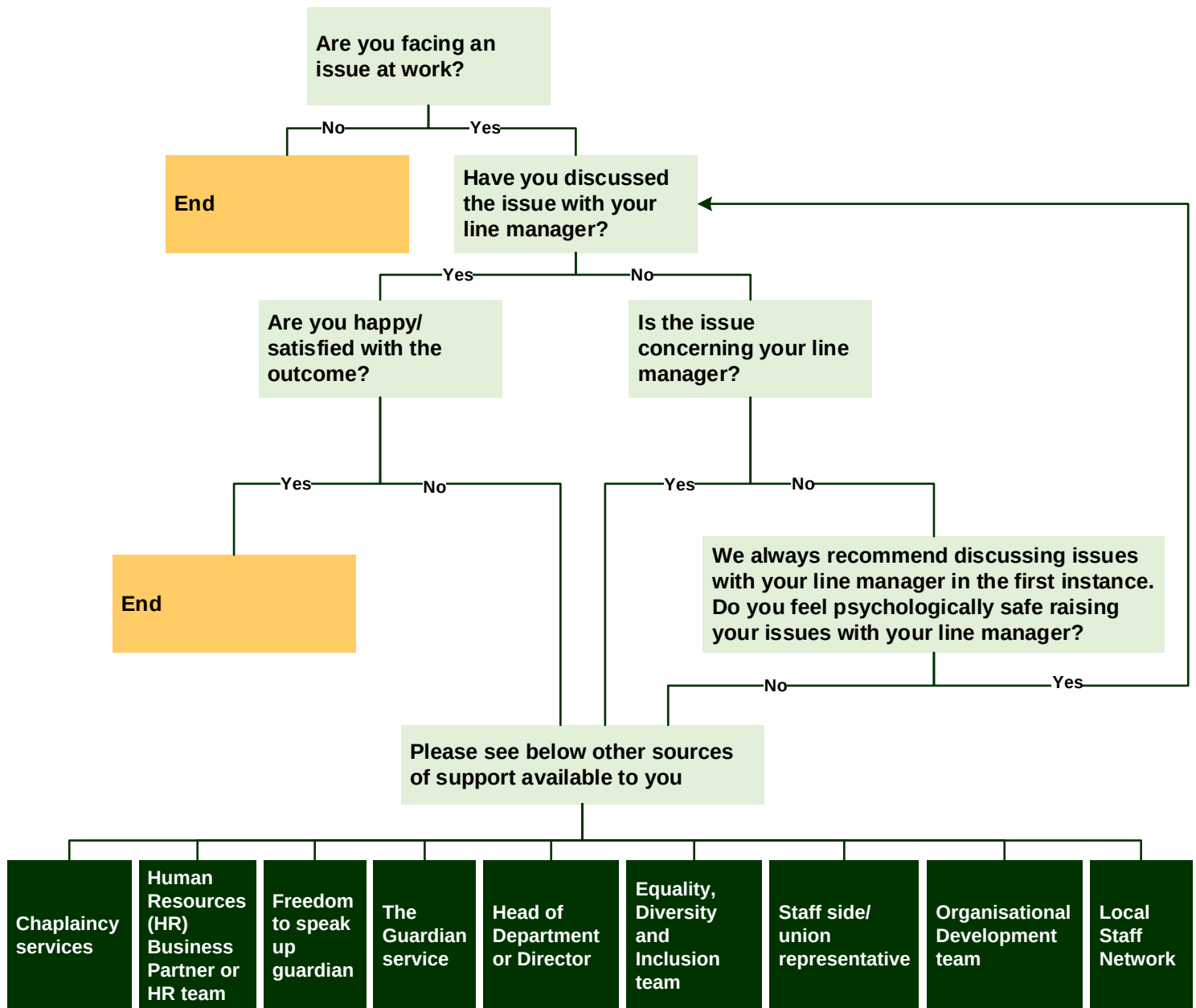
Some of the most common effects of lack of sleep are as follows:

- Headaches and mood swings - our body maintains a circadian rhythm – an internal 24-hour clock that plays a critical role when we fall asleep and wake up. Any changes in our sleeping pattern can disrupt this rhythm, often resulting in mood swings, short-temperedness, headaches and migraines.
- Impact on cognitive function - getting proper rest helps us to think clearly, retain and recall information, and aids our decision-making. When we don't get enough sleep, it becomes more difficult to concentrate and pay full attention, our reaction times slow down, and even our creative and problems-solving abilities can be impacted.
- Weight gain - sleep deprivation causes changes to the hormones that control appetite and hunger. In addition to hunger pangs, lack of sleep can affect your decision-making when it comes to what to eat, often leading to giving in to cravings for fatty, sugary junk food, and making weight gain more likely.

Tips for better sleep during Ramadan

- Try to get consolidated sleep - longer blocks of sleep are more beneficial than multiple short naps for getting sufficient rest. Try to sleep for at least 4 hours at night after Iftar, before waking for Suhoor and Fajr – and return to sleep for a couple of hours before getting up for the day ahead.
- Try to regulate your sleep pattern - try planning an adjusted sleep routine for Ramadan so that you're sleeping and waking at around the same time every day. This will help your body get into a rhythm.
- Grab a power nap - a 20-minute power nap in the afternoon can revive flagging energy and focus levels. Set an alarm as over-sleeping can make you feel groggy/sleepier than before your nap.
- Watch what you eat and drink - avoid eating heavy, fatty or sugary foods at Iftar – your sleep can be disrupted as your body works overtime to digest your meal. Very spicy foods can also be bad for restful sleep as they can cause gas and heartburn. Avoid caffeine for several hours before bedtime.
- The right sleep environment - A quiet and dark space is ideal for falling and staying asleep. Avoid using electronic devices such as your mobile phone, laptop and TV close to bedtime as studies suggest that the blue light from screens can interfere with quality sleep.
- Avoid the temptation to sleep all the time. Ramadan is a spiritual month and it is critical we do not waste the month away by sleeping at every opportunity.

Guidance for staff experiencing issues at work



If you have explored the above and still remain dissatisfied, or to feedback any learning from your issue, please contact the National NHS Muslim Network - england.muslim1@nhs.net

NHS Ramadan Challenge!

The National NHS Muslim Network are excited to launch our **#NHSRamadanChallenge 2023!**



NHS Ramadan Challenge!

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What is the NHS Ramadan challenge?

As Muslims across the world prepare and begin their spiritual journey for the holy month of Ramadan, we invite all of our NHS allies and friends to join us for a day of fasting.

When is Ramadan?

Approximately from 22 March to 20 April (to be confirmed dependent on moon sighting).

Why should you take part in the challenge?

To understand and experience how Muslim colleagues feel when they are fasting for Ramadan. It is a great way to show allyship, gratitude, and to experience what the less fortunate go through.

How can I take part in the challenge?

Let us know that you are planning to fast by using the hashtag **#NHSRamadanChallenge** on social media and tag the NHS Muslim Network. It would be great if you can vlog/blog your experience and share it with us via social media!

What do you need to do for the challenge?

Fast (no food or drink) on a day of your choice during Ramadan from the break of dawn to sunset. You could even partner with a Muslim colleague in your organisation to understand why Muslims fast. We also encourage you to donate (any amount) to a charity of your choice.

Who can take part in the challenge?

We are inviting everyone to take part. Please note that for health reasons, fasting is not recommended for those with ill-health. If you are taking part but start to feel faint/ill in any way, please break your fast.



#NHSRamadanChallenge



Chris Hopson, Chief Strategy Officer, Executive Sponsor of the NHS Muslim Network, NHS England

"I am pleased to be taking part in the **#NHSRamadanChallenge**, to show my allyship to all our Muslim colleagues within the NHS.

I am doing so to create awareness of this holy month for Muslims and to thank our Muslim colleagues in the NHS for all their efforts and hard work.

Please join me in showing allyship to our Muslim colleagues – one idea would be for you to fast for a day of your choice in Ramadan.

Ramadan Mubarak to you all."

Support offered by the NHS Muslim Network during Ramadan and Eid



21 March 2023: 10-11am and 28 March 2023: 4-5pm

The NHS London Leadership Academy, in partnership with the National NHS Muslim Network are pleased to present two sessions (21 March 2023: 10-11am and 28 March 2023: 4-5pm) on supporting Muslim staff and colleagues during Ramadan.

This event is open to all NHS colleagues.

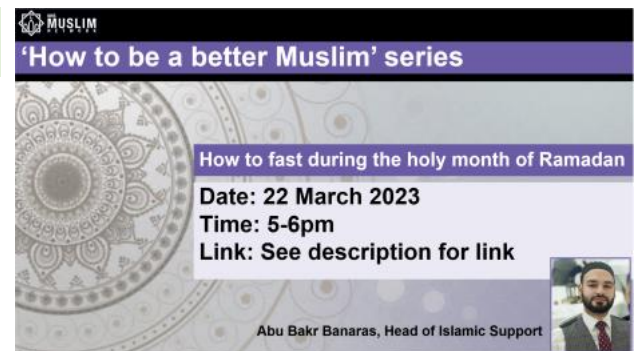
To attend, please [click here](#).

22 March 2023: 5-6pm

In alignment with the NHS Muslim Network's support package that has been launched for our members, we are very excited to invite you to the sixth instalment of our 'How to be a better Muslim' series, titled "How to fast during the holy month of Ramadan".

Please note, this series is targeted at Muslim colleagues who want to build upon their technical knowledge of Islam.

To attend, please join our network and you will receive an invite - [click here to become a member](#).



3 April 2023: 5-6pm

Zakat (charity) is one of the five pillars of Islam. We are holding an event to provide technical guidance to support NHS Muslim colleagues to learn more about this very important topic, how to calculate Zakat, and the rulings around giving Zakat.

Please note, this event is targeted at Muslim colleagues who want to build upon their technical knowledge of Islam.

To attend, please join our network and you will receive an invite - [click here to become a member](#).

What the NHS Muslim Network is doing to support Ramadan and Eid? *Continued...*



6 April 2023: 12-1pm

Please join us for a **Special Ramadan Edition** of our members meeting. Our members meetings are integral to the objectives of the National NHS Muslim Network. It provides a platform for our members to voice their opinions, provide feedback, share their lived experience and create a sense of belonging/community.

This event is open to all NHS colleagues.

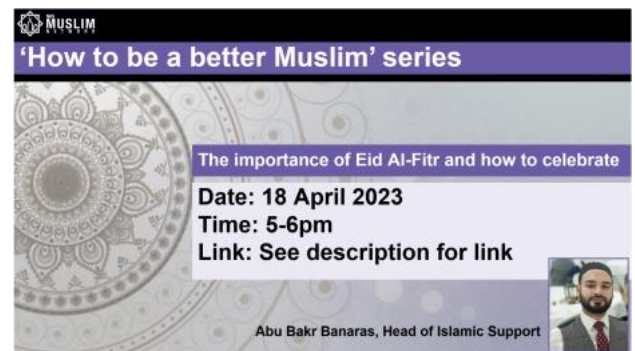
To attend, please join our network and you will receive an invite - [click here to become a member](#).

18 April 2023: 5-6pm

In alignment with the NHS Muslim Network's support package that has been launched for our members, we are very excited to invite you to the seventh instalment of our 'How to be a better Muslim' series, titled "the importance of Eid Al-Fitr and how to celebrate".

Please note, this series is targeted at Muslim colleagues who want to build upon their technical knowledge of Islam.

To attend, please join our network and you will receive an invite - [click here to become a member](#).



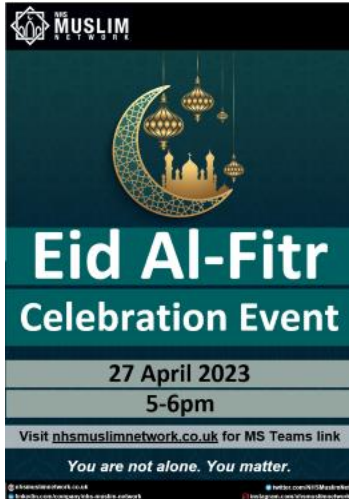
20 April 2023: 5-6pm

As we approach the end of Ramadan, we are facilitating a very special '**Ramadan Reflections**' session with the aim of providing an opportunity to reflect and share experiences on what working/fasting in Ramadan has been like, creating a space to come together and reflecting as an NHS Muslim community, and sharing tips and lessons learnt.

This event is open to all NHS colleagues.

To attend, please join our network and you will receive an invite - [click here to become a member](#).

What the NHS Muslim Network is doing to support Ramadan and Eid? *Continued...*



27 April 2023: 5-6pm

We are excited to invite you all to our virtual Eid Al-Fitr Celebration Event, being held on Thursday, 27 April 2023, from 5-6pm on MS Teams!

Hosted by the Co-Chairs, we will be joined on the day by some amazing guest speakers! Everyone is welcome, don't miss out. We look forward to welcoming you all!

This event is open to all NHS colleagues.

To attend, please join our network and you will receive an invite - [click here to become a member](#).

2 May 2023: 6-8pm

We have a very special surprise in store for our members, allies and friends.

To find out more, please join our network - [click here to become a member](#).

Our surprise will be revealed to all our members, and via our social media channels, so do follow us on:

 twitter.com/NHSMuslimNet

 linkedin.com/company/nhs-muslim-network

 instagram.com/nhsmuslimnetwork



Our support package

We proudly launched our support package on 19 October 2022. The support package was launched after several engagement sessions with our members, executive team, and the synergised vision of the Co-Chairs.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who shared their voice in shaping the strategy that the network will deliver from October 2022 to September 2023.

Our key focus is delivering our support package for our members, and includes:



Talent development webinars

- Boost your confidence
- Understanding emotional intelligence
- Building your personal resilience
- Application writing and interview skills

Leadership development webinars

- Compassionate leadership
- Leading through change
- Difficult conversation planning

'How to be a better Muslim' series

- October: How to perform Wudu and pray
- November: The personality of an ideal Muslim
- December: The Muslim and their relationship with Allah S.W.T
- January: How to treat others
- February: Lessons from the Prophet's farewell sermon
- March: How to fast during the holy month of Ramadan
- April: The importance of Eid Al Fitr and how to celebrate
- May: The importance of Hajj
- June: The importance of Eid Al Adha and how to celebrate
- July: How to be an effective member of society
- August: The importance of charity
- September: A reminder of the five pillars of Islam

NHSMN members meetings

- Regular informal meetings for NHSMN members, allies and friends

Wellbeing support

- "Let it out" service
- REACT mental health conversation training

Islamic support

- Revert support
- Questioning your faith support
- Introduction to Islam
- General guidance
- On-request talks/training (subject to capacity and review)

Events*

- October: supporting black history month
- November: supporting islamophobia month
- December: supporting national grief awareness week
- January: supporting world religion day
- February: supporting eating disorder awareness week
- March: supporting international women's day
- April: Ramadan reflections, Zakaat, Eid Al Fitr celebration event
- May: supporting mental health awareness week
- June: supporting men's health week
- July: Eid Al Adha celebration event
- August: supporting south asian heritage month
- September: supporting world suicide prevention day

*Please note this list is not exhaustive and other events may occur throughout the year.

[Click here to view our support package.](#)

Join our Network

Do not miss out on any of the fantastic offerings we have in store for our Muslim colleagues, allies and friends, join our network today!

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1. Go to our webpage - nhsmuslimnetwork.co.uk
 2. Click on 'Become a member'
 3. Enter your name and email address
 4. Click on subscribe!

or [Click here to become a member.](#)



Thank you

For more information please visit our website:

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