

Continuing Ministerial Development (CMD)

Applies to: All Clergy (except IME Phase 2 and Clergy and Chaplains paid by external institutions)

The purpose of Continuing Ministerial Development funding is to help support your own personal development.

CMD Process

- Allocation of CMD funding must be approved by The Director of Vocations & Ordinands, [Revd Neil Patterson](#) before permission is given for funds to be released.
- You must apply for funding **before the event** otherwise no funds will be released.
- The level of funding you receive may depend on the amount you have already received in the current year. The total grant available per year is £280.
- Priority will be given to applications connected to your MDR development objectives.
- It is your responsibility to book and pay for the event.
- The diocese reimburses you directly and has no contact with the organisers of your event.
- CMD funds are intended to further your professional development in ordained ministry and priority will be given to applications within that framework. Retreats should normally be claimed as part of ordinary working expenses but we will consider applications for retreats if this is not possible. We will cover accommodation as part of a training event. Grants will not be made for holiday/festival events (e.g. New Wine, Greenbelt) or books and other training materials.
- Allow up to four weeks for processing

**Exceptions regarding accommodation claims are when it is inclusive with the fee for residential courses/conferences.*

How to Apply

If you wish to attend a course or conference:

- Complete the CMD application form and return to [Revd Neil Patterson](#) by email or post.
- Attach **supporting documentation** showing the cost and details of the event.
- Funds cannot be release without this information.

Diocesan Training Events

The Diocese also run a programme of training events throughout the year. If you have particular interests, or would like to make suggestions for the CMD programme, please let us know. Events organised by the Diocese are automatically approved for CMD funds and are exempt from needing an application form.

Should you require any further information or more copies of the CMD application form then please do not hesitate to get in touch with [Revd Neil Patterson](#) or download from the website.