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Searching for Life Meaning: Spiritual Discourses in Dementia Care

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Wilf is Professor in Nursing, which is a shared appointment between Department of Nursing, School of Health and Social Care, Staffordshire University and the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust. Wilf is also Part-time Professor at VID University College, Bergen, Norway.

Wilf has had a career in nursing working as a Registered Nurse primarily within Acute Hospital Care. His interest in the spiritual dimension developed alongside a realisation that this aspect of care was neglected and forgotten by some healthcare professionals. He has published several books and many articles addressing different aspects of the spiritual dimension such as educational issues, and spiritual assessment. He completed his doctoral studies at Leeds Metropolitan University in May 2005 researching 'The meaning of spirituality and spiritual care: An investigation of healthcare professionals, patients and public's perceptions'. In 2010, Wilf led on a piece of work for the Royal College of Nursing exploring members perceptions of spirituality.

Wilf 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. Wilf is currently leading a large European project titled Enhancing Nurses Competence in Providing Spiritual Care through Innovation Education and Compassionate Care (EPICC).

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