



About Islamic Spiritual Care and Counselling

Annex B

Islamic Spiritual Care and Guidance (ISCG) integrates Islamic principles with professional care approaches to support individuals' spiritual, emotional, and psychological well-being. It seeks to provide more structured and contextualized support for complex needs, including family challenges, end-of-life care, rehabilitation and social isolation.

2 To inform the development of an ISCG framework suited to Singapore's context, MUIS conducted a series of overseas engagements in 2025, visiting key Muslim organisations, educational institutions, and chaplaincy practitioners across the United States, Switzerland, and Malaysia. These engagements provided valuable insights into established spiritual care models, including professional training and ethical standards, supervision and continuing development, integration with healthcare and social services, and care in multi-religious settings. These insights have informed MUIS's approach to developing ISCG locally. Islamic chaplaincy models and best practices from countries with well-developed spiritual care programmes.

3 Building on these insights, MUIS is developing a structured ISCG framework for the mosque sector through newly formed Religious Content and Guidance (RCG) unit and District Office of Mufti Associates (DOMA). This includes equipping mosque-based asatizah with spiritual care competencies, strengthening the capabilities of existing Mosque Religious Officers to identify needs and make appropriate referrals, and developing pathways for trained spiritual care providers. RCG will oversee religious content and guidance standards, while DOMA will support delivery across the four mosque districts.

4 ISCG will support communities with specific spiritual care needs, including seniors in hospitals, hospices and senior care settings, as well as individuals receiving



rehabilitation and family support services. For seniors, it will complement existing initiatives such as Santunan Emas by providing support in areas such as coping with illness, end-of-life preparation, grief and bereavement.

5 Early approaches to spiritual care are being piloted at selected mosques, including Assyakirin Mosque. MUIS will draw on these pilots and further research to refine the ISCG framework with a view to progressively expanding effective approaches across the mosque sector.