

Finding support in ministry

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Many ministers have begun to realise the value of an ongoing personal supportive relationship in which they can discuss issues to do with their ministry, usually on a one to one basis, in complete confidence. Topics to look at might include a review of their preaching ministry, how they are balancing study and visiting, what in-service training is available and “touches the spot” - and of course (whilst maintaining pastoral confidences) any difficult pastoral or church life problems.

This range of options, including [Guided Self-Appraisal Scheme](#), Peer Supervision, Individual Supervision, Spiritual Direction, Support Groups, Cluster Sabbaticals, is offered as a “tool-kit” from which ministers can choose those parts which most readily meet their own needs, and which will offer a supportive relationship to ensure that in both good and bad times they are not struggling on alone, and which enables them to step back for a short while and reflect more objectively.

The Ministry Department believes that this will be something that can help all ministers, and are therefore setting in place and commend a number of strands of support that ministers may choose to access. To find out more please download the leaflet, [Finding support in ministry April 11](#).

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