

Living With and Beyond Cancer Volunteering Opportunity

Volunteer Role Outline and Person Specification

Role Description

Due to significant improvement in cancer survival rates over the last 15 years there are currently 2.5 million people living with cancer in the UK. More than half of people receiving a cancer diagnosis will now live ten years or more and need to live well.

The Living With and Beyond Cancer Project is a national transformation programme which aims to improve patient experience by introducing 'The Recovery Package', a combination of different interventions which when implemented can improve outcomes and co-ordination of care.

We are looking for volunteers across Darlington to support this national initiative, conducting holistic health needs assessments in hospital, primary care and community settings.

Volunteers will receive the relevant training and support to enable them to carry out this role.

Main Duties:

- ✓ To undertake individual holistic health needs assessments in hospital, primary care and community settings.
- ✓ To undertake care and support plans which will be agreed with the patient and shared with the local health professionals
- ✓ To support GP's to undertake cancer care reviews
- ✓ To signpost patients to services in the community which help maintain their lifestyle, health and wellbeing such as finance, physical and mental health.
- ✓ To adhere to relevant Age UK North Yorkshire & Darlington policies and procedures such as confidentiality, health and safety, and equal opportunities

This role will require you to...

- ✓ Establish and maintain an effective working relationship with patients living with a cancer diagnosis and their carer/s, to enable you to provide appropriate support.
- ✓ Undertake holistic needs assessment training and any other necessary training required to support the role.
- ✓ To act as a conduit to community support for those living with a cancer diagnosis
- ✓ Engage and participate in training sessions organised generally for Age UK volunteers (e.g. safeguarding) and more specifically for Living Well Link Service volunteers.

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Person specification

- A keen interest in supporting patients Living with and Beyond Cancer
- Excellent inter-personal and communication skills
- An understanding of the need for confidentiality
- To be reliable and trustworthy
- Ability to keep clear and concise records
- Willingness to engage in training and attend an induction meeting

Expenses

Expenses incurred via the volunteering role will be reimbursed in relation to travel and any other agreed expense.

Additional Information

This post is subject to an Enhanced DBS clearance. This means that this post is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and any unspent convictions must be declared.

Apply for this Role

This role presents a valuable opportunity to gain skills and experience in supporting older people living with and following cancer diagnosis. If you'd like to apply, please contact us below:

Online

You can apply online. Please visit www.ageuknyd.org.uk/volunteer to complete the online application form.

Telephone

You can contact us on 01325 362832. We're open from 8.30am – 4pm Monday to Friday.

E-mail

You can register your interest by e-mailing volunteering@ageuknyd.org.uk

In person

You can visit us in person to request an application form. We're open from 8.30am – 4pm Monday to Friday, and you find us at the address on the footer of this document.

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