

Volunteer Role: Driver

Learning disabilities

About Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust provides community health, including community hospitals, specialist mental health and learning disability services for people across the south of England. We employ around 6,000 staff and have in the region of 250 people volunteering in our services.

About this role

This is a really important role working, as directed, to pick up and return service users with learning disabilities between their homes and Tatchbury. This is to enable service users to participate in the trust wide 'easy read' group.

The 'easy read' group is a group of service users (adults who have a learning disability) who are experts by experience and work for Southern Health. They ensure that written information the organisation provides is accessible for adults with learning disabilities. This is really important work; Southern Health needs their skills to help make sure we are working effectively. The service users who attend this group also benefit from attending. The easy read group currently runs for two hours. There is a café on site at Tatchbury where you can wait while the service users attend the group

What will I be doing in this role?

- Driving to service user's homes and transporting them to Tatchbury.
- Driving the service users back home after they have attended Tatchbury.
- Supporting any service users who require support back into their homes.

What skills do I need?

- A full UK driving licence with no more than 3 penalty points.
- Comprehensive car insurance and valid car MOT.
- Friendly with good listening skills
- Reliable, with good time keeping skills.
- Understanding of learning disabilities and able to adapt communication skills
- Willing to work within guidelines and to take occasional direction

What commitment is expected of me?

We are looking for volunteers who are able to drive one day a month either both ways or at least one way.

What can I expect from Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust?

- Travel expenses paid
- Relevant training
- Induction to the activity and volunteer role
- A settling in period to make sure this is the right role for you
- To feel fully supported in your role
- The opportunity to work within a diverse team
- The chance to meet new people

- The opportunity to learn new skills
- To feel appreciated and valued for your contribution
- The opportunity to help improve the services SHFT provides
- The opportunity to support adults with learning disabilities access an opportunity for employment and social activity

What are the steps to volunteering?

Application> Interview> DBS check> Occupational Health question> References> Training> start volunteering!

How to apply

To apply please contact Dominic Lodge via email Dominic.lodge@nhs.net or post
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Please note: In general volunteering roles within Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust require either a standard or enhanced DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) check. This is done online by the applicant.