

Volunteer Role Profile

Volunteer Role	Complementary Therapy Volunteer - Oncology
Volunteer Manager	St Richard's Hospital Voluntary Services Department
Where you will be based	Hospital

Why we want you

As a Complementary Therapy Volunteer, you can use your skills and experience to support patients going through cancer treatment by providing a holistic and integrative Complementary Therapy Service. Therapies could include: massage, aromatherapy, reflexology, indian head massage, reiki, meditation, art therapy.

Please note this role is only suitable for qualified Complementary Therapists (NVQ level 3, ITEC level 3, Diploma or Certificate).

What you will be doing

- To offer exemplary Complementary Therapies to cancer patients and their carers using a holistic and integrative approach
- To be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding for each therapy they are qualified to practice and have a basic knowledge of other complementary therapies
- Have an awareness of cancer and cancer treatments
- Have an awareness of contra-indications and precautionary measures in relation to the therapy in which they are qualified to practice and knowledge of adapting the treatment as appropriate
- May be required to work with inpatients, outpatients and their relatives or carers
- To uphold high standards of hygiene at all times and use the appropriate PPE required in accordance with the Trust guidelines
- Maintain a high level of discretion and confidentiality at all times
- To work under the guidance of the Complementary Therapy Co-ordinator

The skills you need

- To be, at all times, a member of an appropriate professional body for complementary therapy, maintaining professional practice standards and/or code of conduct and utilise the appropriate ethical framework of the organisation
- To be qualified in a Complementary Therapy
- To hold appropriate professional indemnity insurance relating to the therapies for which they are qualified to practice
- Have completed an induction programme in accordance with UHS Trust guidelines for volunteers

- Have a commitment to develop own skills in relation to provision of therapies within a specialised care setting
- To participate in regular supervision with the Complementary Therapy Coordinator and training as required
- Understand the importance of and adhere to patient confidentiality
- Qualities of patience, tolerance and compassion

What's in it for you

- Make a difference and enhance patient care
- Give back to the community and meet new people
- Develop your own skills and gain experience in a healthcare setting
- Improve your employment prospects and enhance your CV

Disclaimer

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Each of our volunteers are also required to have the following: • DBS check. • Occupational Health Clearance. • Risk Assessment if required. Each of these will be organised by the Voluntary Services Department.