

Home Visitor



About the role

Our volunteers are an essential part of our organisation, enabling us to provide a wide breadth of services to our service users. By becoming a home visitor, you can develop your communication and interpersonal skills. You will make a vital difference to the person you visit by reducing their sense of loneliness and social isolation.

Time Commitment

This role requires a weekly commitment at a time to be agreed by both you and our client. We will regularly make contact with you both to see how the relationship is building and would ask you to commit to a weekly call for the minimum of 12 weeks.

In order to ensure a member of staff is available in case of a safeguarding concern, we ask that visits take place Mon-Fri between 9am-4pm.

Requirements

- We are looking for friendly, reliable people who can be patient with clients who may have a vision impairment, be hard of hearing, Deaf or deafblind. Your role is to be there to provide a befriending service and allow clients to continue hobbies in their own home. The role will not involve providing personal or health care.
- You may observe difficulties the person has developed and with agreement from the person, you should inform Sight for Surrey of any concerns, needs or additional support requirements.
- To assist the person to continue any hobby that their sensory impairment is making it more difficult to achieve, within the home environment
- To make recommendations for further support from other Sight for Surrey services, at the end of the pre-arranged time of service

A regular commitment for this service of between 1-2 hours a week per client will be initially for 12-16 weeks after which the match will be reviewed.

We will match you with a client in your local area and wherever possible you will be matched with a client who shares similar interests.

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This role would not involve taking the client out of their home.

Benefits

Sight for Surrey will reimburse expenses incurred through your role with Sight for Surrey. We also hold regular social events and an annual evening event which allows our volunteers to meet each other.

Please be aware that due to the nature of the role, volunteers are required to have an enhanced police check via the Disclosure and Barring Service. Sight for Surrey would apply for this on your behalf at no cost to yourself.