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Home Visitor Volunteer

About the role

Our volunteers play a crucial role in our organisation, enabling us to offer a diverse range of additional services to the people we support. By becoming a home visitor, you can develop your communication and interpersonal skills, and you will make a vital difference to the person you visit by reducing their feelings of loneliness and isolation.

Time Commitment

This role requires a weekly commitment at a time to be agreed by both you and the individual. We will regularly make contact with you both to see how the relationship is building and offer ongoing support as needed. You will be required to undertake a short Sighted Guide training session, provided by us, if you propose to take an individual out of the house for a walk or coffee.

To ensure a member of staff is available in case of a safeguarding concern, we ask that visits take place Monday - Friday between 9am and 4pm.

Benefits

Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey will reimburse travel expenses incurred through your role with us. We also hold regular social events and an annual celebration event which allows our volunteers to meet each other. As an organisation we are committed to regularly offering ongoing training to volunteers based on feedback they give us, such as dementia training and safeguarding training.



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Requirements

- We are looking for friendly, reliable people who can be patient with individuals who may be blind, partially sighted or hard of hearing. Your role is to be there to provide a befriending service, and if requested, offer them a walk around their local area or a coffee in a local café.
- The role **will not** involve providing personal or health care, taking an individual to any medical appointments or shopping.
- To assist the person to continue any hobby that their sensory impairment is making it more difficult to achieve, within the home environment such as reading for pleasure (not reading correspondence) or playing a game.

We will match you with someone in your local area and wherever possible you will be matched with an individual who shares similar interests.

You may be asked from time to time if you are able to support other volunteer roles including one to one support with vulnerable adults. Please be aware that volunteers are required to have an enhanced check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and join the DBS Update Service to ensure that regular checks can be undertaken during your volunteering service. Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey would apply for this on your behalf at no cost to yourself.



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