

Volunteer Role Description

Role	Poolside Volunteer
Role summary	We are looking for volunteers to be poolside during the pool sessions for children and young people who are accessing our pool
Team role is based in	Little Havens Care Team
Time Commitment	This would be by arrangement; however, we would be looking at a commitment of up to four hours a week on a set day
Location	Little Havens Hospice, Thundersley
What's in it for you?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Named Volunteer Coordinator • The opportunity to develop new and existing skills and make a key contribution to the work of the hospices • Gaining hands on work experience within a professional organisation • The chance to be at the heart of your local community, meet new people and be part of an enthusiastic team • Regular support / catch ups • Agreed out of pocket travel expenses • Certificate of Volunteering on request

<p>What will I be doing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing supervision of the pool and poolside area to ensure the safety of pool users at all times, by preventing accidents and incidents • Supervising the children, some of whom may have communication needs and may be wheelchair users. • Physically able in pulling a child out from the bottom of the pool in the case of an emergency. • Ensuring the pool area is kept safe by sweeping away puddles to prevent slipping • Ensuring that emergency equipment is in full working order and is accessible, prior to the session beginning • Assist in rescues and calling for first aid if the situation arises • Undertaking any Mandatory Training which is in line with Havens Hospices policies and guidelines • Any other duties designated by the Volunteer Coordinator
<p>Experience and qualifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with children and young people • Ability to work on own initiative • Ability to maintain profession boundaries and confidentiality • Have a calm and mature attitude • Be a capable swimmer • Ideally lifeguard qualification and have experience as a spotter/lifeguard in a pool environment • Will need to complete Poolside training organized by the hospice.

<p>What you need to know</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will meet with the Volunteer Coordinator for the Team • We require two references and a DBS check • Your participation in our induction program and in additional training relevant to the role • If you are required to drive our minibus, you will need to complete the MIDAS training before you commence your volunteering • You will need to adhere to all our current policies and procedures • You will maintain dependable and regular communication • Due to the nature of our work, recently bereaved people with no previous experience of working or volunteering in ‘patient contact’ areas are not permitted to have their first posting as a volunteer in such areas. There is no time limit on the exemption, but having demonstrated an ability to cope as a hospice volunteer in another area without exhibiting inappropriate or disproportionate emotions the situation can be reviewed.
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<p>Contact details</p>	<p>Volunteer Services 01702 426237 volunteering@havenshospices.org.uk</p>
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