Reception Volunteer

About the role

Reception Volunteers are often the first contact people have with St Richard's Hospice, either over the phone or face-to-face.

Volunteers support the hospice's Reception Team to provide a professional, empathetic welcome to everyone, and to deal with their enquiries efficiently.



We ask Reception Volunteers to give one, four-hour shift a fortnight. There may be occasional requests to cover holidays and weekends.

What will you do in this role?

- Greet visitors in a friendly and approachable manner over the phone and in person
- Direct enquiries to the right person, or department
- When necessary, escort patients and visitors to the appropriate part of the hospice
- Show compassion to grieving visitors
- Assist patients with limited mobility
- Sign for deliveries
- Make hot drinks for visitors while they wait in Reception, and clear away cups

· Use the till when visitors wish to purchase goods on sale in Reception

Keep Reception tidy

What are the qualities needed for this role?

We are looking for volunteers who are:

- Friendly, welcoming, and patient
- Physically active
- Emotionally resilient
- · Empathetic and able to maintain confidentiality
- Calm under pressure and able to field varied enquiries



About St Richard's Hospice

St Richard's cares for adults with a serious progressive illness, improving their quality of life from diagnosis, during treatment and to their last days. And, we support their loved ones.

Volunteering at St Richard's Hospice

We offer a comprehensive onboarding process including an induction day and role specific training sessions. People who regularly volunteer at the hospice are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Our promise to you

- To be part of a team and make a difference to patients and their loved ones
- Support and guidance from our staff
- To gain new skills and work experience while building your confidence
- Invitations to social events and the chance to meet other volunteers and staff
- Opportunity to feedback about your volunteering experience
- A flexible approach to volunteering
- Reimbursement of out of pocket travel related expenses
- Regular communication and updates about the hospice

Your promise to us

- Complete annual mandatory training
- Act in line with our shared values: caring, compassionate, committed and professional • Be a positive representative of St Richard's
- Maintain confidentiality

- Follow St Richard's policies and procedures
- · Complete your agreed volunteer shifts
- and an ambassador of our work

We are hugely grateful to our volunteers who help us continue to care for patients and loved ones. Thank you for your interest in volunteering with us.



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