

Volunteer Role Profile



Volunteer Role	Care Home Student Work Placement
Volunteer Manager	Regional Volunteer Manager
Where you will be based	Community

Why we want you

We're looking for individuals who are excited about making an impact on the lives of others during their placement.

A work placement at OSJCT can be a personally rewarding experience. You'll have the opportunity to develop valuable skills in communication, empathy, and patience alongside learning more about the care sector itself. It can also provide insight into the challenges faced by older adults and those with specific needs.

If you're proactive, enjoy working with others and are passionate about a career that involves and supports older people, then this is the opportunity for you!

What you will be doing

- Spend time engaging with residents through conversations, reading, games, and other activities
- Encouraging people to get involved with the activity programme
- Offering companionship at mealtimes to encourage people to eat and drink
- Shadowing and learning from our team of professionals
- Listening carefully and following instructions
- Talking to the team about what you'd like to achieve from the placement
- Helping members of the team in different areas e.g. kitchen or laundry

The skills you need

- You'll be a people person who enjoys the company of older people
- You'll be willing to get stuck in and try something new
- You'll be self-motivated and willing to work independently at times
- You'll be willing to learn and take instruction from our team
- You'll be proactive, curious and happy to ask questions
- You'll be keen to spend time in a care environment, supporting the work of our Care Team

What's in it for you

- A named person to support you
- Experience of a care setting for your CV
- The opportunity to see if a career with older people is for you
- The opportunity to learn from the best in the business
- The opportunity to continue as a regular volunteer after

- Role specific training
- A full induction and Dementia Information Session
- Access to a suite of optional e-learning modules to grow your knowledge of social care

Disclaimer

We have a limited number of student work placements per care home. Students must apply for a placement and are subject to an informal interview and induction period. Not every applicant is guaranteed a placement.

If successful, on average it takes four weeks from submitting your application to agreeing a start date. Please bear this in mind when applying.

Whilst this placement will give you practical insight into care work, you will not be responsible for completing clinical tasks. None of our volunteer roles can provide any form of clinical or personal care for our residents.

As part of our application process, we conduct DBS checks for all volunteer roles, and we cover the cost. For Student Work Placements we'll accept a DBS processed by your college if dated within the last 3 months.