

# Thames hospice

## Volunteer Role Description

**Role:** Volunteer Podiatrist or Volunteer Chiropodist

**Location:** Thames Hospice, Windsor Road, Maidenhead, SL6 2DN

**Hours:** Flexible, ad-hoc dependant on volunteer's availability (daytime or/and evening)

**Volunteer Manager:** Complementary Therapy Team Lead

## Purpose of role

Working with our care teams to provide foot-related care to the patients with life limiting illnesses accessing our services in our In Patient Unit, Outpatient, Living Well Service and Day Therapy Unit as needed.

## Main tasks

- Alleviating day-to-day foot problems such as ingrowing toenails, corns, athlete's foot, verrucas and blisters
- Helping to keep patients as mobile and active as their diagnosis allows
- To provide therapies as agreed between yourself and your Team Lead
- To ensure any care provided is documented

## Training and Support

- Volunteers are required to complete biennial mandatory health and safety e-learning
- Regular supervision and support will be provided

## Special conditions

- The Podiatrist / Chiropodist will hold or be in the final year of a recognised accredited relevant qualification
- Current Professional Liability / Indemnity Insurance certificate
- All volunteers in this role will be required to undergo a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring service (DBS) Enhanced Disclosure with barred list check before commencing volunteering role
- Proof of immunity (MMR, chickenpox, TB) or willing to have vaccines if not currently immune

## Knowledge, skills and abilities required

- Listening skills, empathy, a respectful and non-judgemental attitude as well as an ability to take direction
- Flexibility in approach
- Demonstrable skills in written and spoken English that are adequate to enable effective communication about relevant topics with patients and colleagues.

## Thames Hospice Values

*Compassion, Ambition, Respect, Excellence*

Thames Hospice is committed to being an equal opportunities organisation; to promoting equal opportunities and preventing discrimination. Thames Hospice is also committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all service users, volunteers and staff and expects all volunteers and staff to share this commitment.

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