

Volunteer Role Description

Singing Group Volunteer

Purpose of Role

Singing to / with patients at York Hospital in order to boost patient morale. Visitors and staff may also participate.

Main Tasks

- Singing in an informal group with other volunteers
- Encouraging participation and interaction
- Practising songs (occasionally)
- Attending relevant training sessions when requested



Skills and Personal Qualities Required

The role would suit someone who...

- Can hold a tune!
- Enjoys doing something light-hearted and creative with others
- Wants to generate a sense of well-being
- Is friendly and outgoing – or would like to become more so
- Is a capable and sympathetic person who will be able to cope if patients experience distress
- Is open-minded about suggesting and trying new songs
- Is reliable and willing to keep in contact
- Is conscientious, especially in following hospital procedures, in particular regarding hygiene and infection control
- Can be relied upon to keep patient information absolutely confidential
- Will wear a FOYH lanyard, plus a hospital ID badge, while volunteering

Availability Required

A regular 1 hour weekly ward visit with occasional (30 mins – 1 hr) practice sessions beforehand

Volunteers are asked for a commitment of at least 6 months

Location

Ward 37 – Shared Care (Mental / Physical) Ward

Visits to other wards and hospital facilities may be organised

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