

Ward Visitor

- Based in clinical areas
- Keeping patients company, chatting on a one to one basis
- Support patients in communicating with their family.

Meal Time Volunteer

- Based in clinical areas
- Prepare patients for meal times
- To assist ward teams and patients in the service of meals
- Requires additional in person training.

ED Waiting Room Volunteer

(Over 18's only)

- Provide refreshments
- Keep the waiting room tidy
- Be a point of contact for questions
- Directing patients to toilets and/or other departments.

Gardener

- Working alongside our Grounds Team
- Support upkeep of plants and vegetables
- Ensure the gardens are kept nicely, undertaking weeding, pruning and planting.

Phlebotomy (Over 18's only)

- Support the Phlebotomy Team with inputting data
- Being point of contact for any questions
- Keep the waiting area tidy.

Record Requester

- Volunteer alongside the Harrogate Hospital Radio Team
- Request songs from staff and/or patients in ward and departments.

What Volunteer Roles are available at Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (HDFT)?

Meet and Greet

- Welcome patients and service users into the Hospital site
- Assist with way-finding queries.
- To be/become familiar with the layout of department locations at Harrogate District Hospital using location directory provided.

Drinks Service Provider

- Support our Domestics colleagues
- Providing drink service for Patients on Wards
- Be a friendly face to patients.

Plus many more!

Meal Trolley Support

- Support our Domestics colleagues
- Delivering and collecting food trolleys from the main kitchen to wards
- Be a friendly face to patients.

Become a Volunteer

Make a positive impact!

Build transferrable skills to support your future career whilst giving back to your local community



BY VOLUNTEERING FOR YOUR LOCAL NHS, YOU CAN:

- Build your skillset
- Develop communication skills
- Experience a variety of roles
- Access further career opportunities

Contact us



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We can offer you:

Skills Development

With a variety of over 350 roles available, our placement scheme can help you to build essential transferrable skills such as communication and teamwork, as well as specialist skills, such as wheelchair training, administrative skills, gardening and more.

Workplace Experience

Undertaking a volunteer placement can provide essential workplace experience which can support future job applications and career progression, as well as providing pathways into apprenticeships and further education.

Workplace Reference

Upon successful completion of a minimum of 50 hours of volunteering with our Volunteer Team, we would be able to act as a reference on your behalf, when applying for future positions.

Chance to Make a Difference

Volunteers are invaluable within the NHS, allowing us to enhance the services we are able to provide and also to represent the diversity of the communities we support.



Support

We can also offer essential support to enable you to complete a volunteering placement, including assistance with transport costs.

We will ask you to:

Commit

Volunteer placements are highly sought after. We would ask all volunteers to firmly commit to completing at least 50 hours of volunteering. If you do not feel you could commit to this, or if you need further support, please speak to your Careers Advisor.

Do your best

You will be working alongside hardworking NHS colleagues and we would therefore ask that you perform your volunteering duties to the best of your abilities. Your role descriptor will be clear as to what is expected of you and your commitment to meeting those duties is invaluable.

Applications Open for 2025/26:

1 Sept - 13 Oct 2025

1 Jan - 16 Feb 2026

6 Apr - 18 May 2026

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