



Emergency Unit Volunteer University Hospital Wales

Patient Experience

You must be 18 years old or above
to volunteer in this role

Location

University Hospital Wales

Reports to

Emergency Unit manager/coordinator

Accountable to

Voluntary Services Team

Time Commitment

2-3 hours per week 7 days (8am to 10am and 1pm to 10pm).

**Please note that busiest days and times are Mondays and Tuesdays.*

Required Checks

DBS (criminal Records Check)

Occupational Health check

Two References

Expenses

Reimbursed travel to/from location on day of volunteering

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS

- To have excellent listening skills and be non-judgemental.
- To be confident when communicating with service users, visitors, staff and general members of the public.
- To be 18 years old and above.
- To display levels of empathy and understanding at all times.
- To be presentable, smart and always wearing UHB Volunteer uniform and ID badge.
- To recognise when to refer issues and questions to UHB staff.

OUTLINE

To be part of a new team of volunteers who support our patients and staff in a non-clinical role in our 2 busy Emergency Unit waiting areas at University Hospital Wales.

This role does not include advocacy or counselling.

MAIN TASKS

- being a "point of contact" between staff and patients, keeping patients updated on their waiting times.
- spending time with patients who are on their own.
- facilitating communications between patients and relatives, using an EU-specific "mobile landline" phone.
- locating wheelchairs for patients and/or helping patients in wheelchairs (training given).
- checking that waiting area facilities are clean and tidy at all times - logging any untidy areas with the Housekeeping Team.
- undertaking patient feedback on occasion.
- occasionally, when asked, help the British Red Cross Team with Tea & Coffee rounds.
- adhering to all Covid-19 specific health and safety guidance.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT

Volunteers will need to undertake Cardiff and Vale University Health Board Training and Induction as well as an appropriate level of manual handling and violence and aggression training.

Training needs will be identified through the supervision process and be through Cardiff and Vale UHB Training Programmes.

Volunteers will be treated inclusively by the Voluntary Services Team and will be offered ongoing supervision and guidance.

COVID19 SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

- All Volunteers will need to complete an individual risk assessment prior to starting
- All volunteers must be aware of the need to stop volunteering should they feel unwell or if they live with someone who has symptoms and to follow the latest government and NHS advice especially regarding COVID-19 symptoms
- Training, guidance and induction to be provided via e-learning or virtual technology where possible
- Volunteers must be provided with the required levels of PPE and be trained in the usage, donning, doffing, and disposal of PPE in line with UHB guidelines

BENEFITS TO THE VOLUNTEER

This role offers:

- Experience of team working.
- Satisfaction of assisting others and providing an invaluable volunteer service to the Health Board and Community.
- An opportunity to develop personal skills and experience.
- An opportunity to develop communication skills further.
- An opportunity to develop knowledge about communication difficulties.
- Reference on request (only available once you have volunteered for six months)

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Understanding the importance of confidentiality and following procedures	✓	
Experience of working in a health care setting		✓
Excellent communication skills	✓	
Ability to speak Welsh		✓
Ability to work on own initiative and as part of a team	✓	
Reliable and punctual	✓	
Confidence in difficult situations	✓	
Experience of volunteering		✓
Willingness to undertake training	✓	
Available to volunteer for 2-3 hours a week	✓	



Kind and
caring

Respectful

Trust and
integrity

Personal
responsibility

