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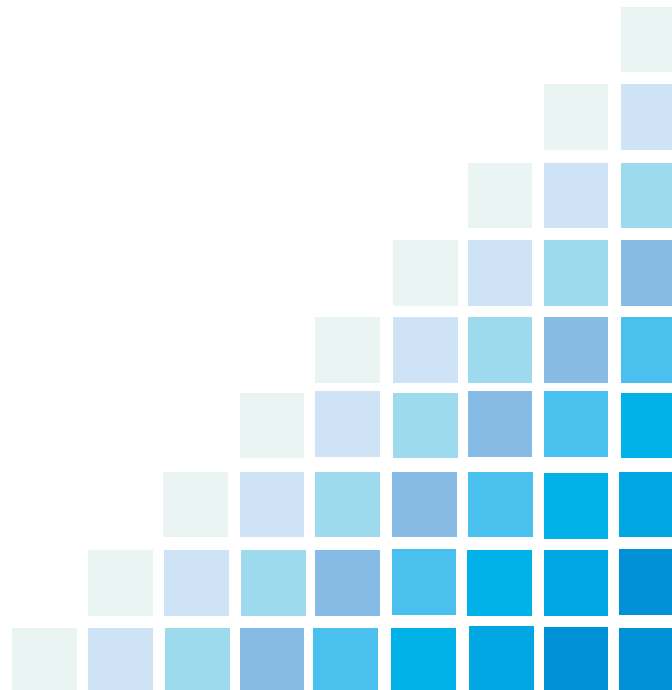
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Are you a really big hearted helper?

Then join our volunteer team!



Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Trust is the largest cardiothoracic centre in the UK. Both hospitals are at the leading edge nationally and internationally in the investigation, treatment and care of people with heart and lung disease.

What can I do to help?

We have a range of volunteering opportunities available at both sites including:

- ï ward visitors and patient be-frienders
- ï administrative and clerical support
- ï reception area 'welcomers'
- ï ward volunteers
- ï chaplaincy volunteers
- ï volunteer drivers
- ï hospital radio volunteers.

All our volunteering roles are designed to enhance patient care. Whatever you want to do to help us help our patients, we'll try and find a way to help you do it.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Mark Hennessy, Voluntary Services Manager at either hospital (details on the back of this leaflet).

How much time do I have to give?

We ask that you are able to commit to a minimum of four hours a week for at least six months.

What do we offer?

We offer a supportive and rewarding programme of volunteering opportunities, and a friendly inclusive approach to making those opportunities enjoyable. Every volunteer is offered health and safety training. We hold regular meetings with volunteers to review progress and to give opportunities to share feedback. We also hold an annual party for all our volunteers.

Can anyone become a volunteer ?

Anyone over the age of 16 can apply to be a volunteer.

Jill

Being a volunteer at the Royal Brompton has proved to be a most rewarding and enjoyable experience for me. By giving my time to help with the administration of the rb&hArts programme I feel I have contributed to the enhanced well-being of patients through the promotion of all forms of art within the hospital. I am also able to learn more about a subject I have always been interested in but never really had the opportunity to be involved with before.î

Brian

After accepting early retirement from a telecommunications company, I felt I still wanted to work, not full time, but hours that suited me. I became a volunteer at Harefield Hospital, working as a gardener, something I really enjoy.î

Karen

I really feel valued, the staff are great, part of the team. It is so rewarding meeting the patients, supporting them through what can be a very stressful time. I work on the ward helping the nurses out with filing, making beds, reading and talking to patients. This allows the nurses more time to actually nurse the patients.î