



St. Benedict's Hospice
& Centre for Specialist
Palliative Care



South Tyneside and Sunderland
NHS Foundation Trust



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VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION:

Gardening Volunteer

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Volunteer Title

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Purpose

To assist with looking after the gardens, raised beds and greenhouses, under the supervision of the occupational therapy team. Volunteer gardeners will play a part in improving the quality of life and sense of well-being of our patients, staff, volunteers and wider community.

Reports to

Occupational Therapy Team

Accountable to

Specialist Palliative Care Services Co-ordinator

Key Areas of responsibilities

- To adhere to the Volunteer Charter, and to support and volunteer within the Hospice Mission, Goals and Values.
- To observe the Hospice confidentiality policy whilst recognising the necessity to operate as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
- To respect the dignity, rights and privacy of patients, families and carers at all times.
- To assist the OT team in providing a consistent and effective service, including review and development of the service as appropriate.
- To participate in appropriate training required for the role.
- To attend regular group meetings and/or supervision as required.
- To read, be informed, and carry out your role within all the policies and procedures of the hospice.

Key Duties

- To carry out general gardening tasks to help keep the gardens tidy.
- To carry out specific gardening tasks e.g. bringing seeds and plants on in the greenhouse ready to plant out.
- To assist with the collection and provision of materials from the garden to support social and therapeutic horticulture activities.
- To clean, maintain and put away gardening tools following each shift.
- To liaise with porters to ensure any litter or garden waste is disposed of correctly.
- To support garden fundraising events as appropriate.

Skill set and Attributes

- Some gardening experience
- Ability to work outdoors and in a practical way
- Punctual and reliable
- Patient, warm, calm and friendly

Pre-employment checks

Pre-employment checks will be carried out by the NHS Trust Human Resources Department including a DBS check.

Training and support

- Volunteers are required to attend statutory and mandatory training updates, and / or complete on-line training
- If at any time you wish to enhance or develop your skills please speak to the Occupational Therapists or Voluntary Services Manager to discuss further.