

Volunteer Role Description

Role: Community Link Volunteer

Organisation: SLAM Ladywell Unit and Community

Service

Clare Ward is in the Ladywell Unit at University Hospital Lewisham. We have 17 beds for men and women, aged 18-65, with acute psychiatric illnesses. Powell Ward is in the Ladywell Unit at University Hospital Lewisham. We have 18 beds for men aged 18-65, with acute psychiatric illnesses. Wharton Ward is in the Ladywell Unit at University Hospital Lewisham. We have 18 beds for women, aged 18-65, with acute psychiatric illness. Acute illnesses start quickly and have distressing symptoms. We provide care for people who live in the London Borough of Lewisham. We offer psychiatric assessment, care and treatment in hospital, which helps reduce risk to self and others.

Description

To support service users to plan travel to their homes and what they would like to access in the community as they are nearing discharge
To travel with service users to local amenities and centres
To have a good local knowledge of community resources
To promote social inclusion, contribute to confidence building and promote self esteem
Ability to form a positive, supportive and boundaried relationship with service users

When Required

Monday – Sunday; Day and Evening
Commitment: negotiable

Areas of Interest

Mental Health; Group Work; Community work;

Type of Activity

Befriending; Local Travel; Activities; Sourcing Information

Skills and Qualifications

Good Communication/ Listening Skills
Understanding of mental health issues
Good local knowledge of community resources in Lewisham

Travel training
Friendly
Trustworthy
Speaking a second language (desirable)

Other Information

Age/gender restrictions: over 18

Equal Opportunities Policy: Yes

Expenses: Yes

Induction and Training: Yes

Insurance Cover: Yes

Supervision: Yes

Support: Yes

Recruitment Method

Application Form, Interview, DBS Check, Occupational Health Check, References, Training, Trial period

Contact Information

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