

Spiritual Care Volunteers Job Spec.

No previous experience of ministry or of hospital visiting is required.

All necessary training will be provided.

Volunteers will be expected to be able to commit to attending the hospital for one morning a week between Monday and Friday.

Duties will involve visiting patients and families to ensure that they are aware of the support available from the Spiritual Care team.

Volunteers may choose to visit on their own or in pairs with another volunteer for mutual support.

It is hoped that, over time, volunteers will build relationships with staff by focussing on visiting one or two particular wards on a regular basis.

There may be occasions when volunteers may be asked to visit a patient or family who have requested support. Please be aware that this may involve children who are seriously ill.

Please also be aware that this is not an opportunity to evangelise, nor to force opinions or prayers on families. The role is purely to support families and to let them know that there is always a listening ear available to them.

Of course, if families are happy to have prayers or a blessing offered for their child, that is fine.

At all times, volunteers will be supported by the Spiritual Care team who will always be available for feedback/debrief after visits.