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## **LPT issues a call for hospital volunteers**

A call has gone out for local people who can spare a few hours each week to work as volunteers at community hospitals in Hinckley, Market Harborough and Melton Mowbray.

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, which provides inpatient and therapy services at St Luke's Hospital in Market Harborough, Hinckley and Bosworth Community Hospital and Melton Mowbray Hospital, wants to hear from people who are interested in supporting NHS staff.

Duties might range from administrative tasks, working in reception or on refreshment kiosks, helping out on the wards at mealtimes or giving comfort and support to patients and their families.

Muj Rahman, voluntary services manager for LPT, said; "We would love to hear from anyone aged 17 plus who has some time they can give to us each week – as little as an hour can make a difference."

"Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills, make new friends and become part of a team. Our hospital volunteers also tell us the work helps them to improve their social skills, but above all volunteers provide that extra support to patients that make such a difference during their stay in hospital."

Following a recruitment process, which might include a police check, volunteers are given full training before starting work. Travel expenses and uniforms are supplied.

For an informal chat about becoming a volunteer telephone 01664 854836/ 07909 004373 or e-mail: [muj.rahman@leicspart.nhs.uk](mailto:muj.rahman@leicspart.nhs.uk)

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## Note to editors

1. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living in the city of Leicester and the neighbouring counties of Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million and has a budget in excess of £250 million and employs almost 6,000 staff. For more information visit [www.leicspart.nhs.uk](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk)

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