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Volunteer Role Description

Role	Volunteer Meet & Greet & Visitor Support Bradgate Reception
Purpose	Meet and Greet all visitors through the main entrance of the Bradgate unit. Signpost visitors and if necessary accompany them to the wards, MH Urgent Care Hub and Crisis Assessment rooms, if they are unsure of where they are going.
	Discuss with patients visitors the importance of handing over property to the Nursing staff on the ward to minimise contraband getting on to the ward. Ensure visitors are signing in if they have arrived in a car.
Base	Bradgate Mental Health Unit Main Reception, ground floor building
Hours	Daily between the hours of: 9am-8.30pm (this could be broken down in to 3hr sessions if needed)
	It would also be beneficial to have volunteers at the weekends.
Reports to	Apexa Patel Engagement & Wellbeing Officer (any escalations will go to the Service Manager Louise Short) After 5pm and at weekends this would be the Clinical Duty Manager
Benefits of this volunteer activity	It can be distressing at times for some of our visitors when they arrive at the unit as they are not always sure where they should be going and what is waiting for them when they get there. At the busiest times in reception a queue can form and this can add to the distress of some visitors. It is hoped that the whole patient and visitor experience will benefit from having volunteers in the reception.
What is the benefit of this volunteer activity for me as a volunteer?	Allows you to be part of a busy working environment with lots of support and opportunities to develop your customer service skills.
Key tasks	Tasks may include the following:
	 Meeting patients and signposting for outpatients and those arriving for crisis team appointments
	 Meeting visitors to the unit and supporting them in getting to their destination.
	• Discussing the visitor procedures in regard to property being bought on to the unit.
	 Ensuring visitors have signed in at reception if they have arrived in a vehicle.
Exclusions	 Volunteers are not expected to be involved in any of the following: Managing aggressive or confrontational situations First aid or attending to medical emergencies Discussing individual patient care

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Person Specification and Requirements	 Good communication skills Able to follow instructions Willingness to help and work to time targets Punctual and reliable Able to work independently and as part of a team Comfortable working in a fast-paced environment Understanding of need for confidentiality Commitment to uphold trust core values and NHS policies
Training and Support Needs	 As well as the trust mandatory training you will receive essential training required to work in an inpatient environment, disengagement techniques, Understanding personal safety. There will be a review period within 3 months of starting and continual support throughout from the leadership team at the Bradgate Unit. Information Governance Health and Safety Infection Prevention and Control Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Confidentiality Safeguarding Equality and Diversity Local trust induction and orientation Any other mandatory training as specific by the trust A standard/enhanced DBS is required for this role. This is processed free of charge for volunteers.
COVID-19 Guidance	 In line with government advice volunteers must: Be healthy, fit and well Be under 70; Not be pregnant; Not fall into one of the population groups that are considered to be more vulnerable to COVID-19 (list here) All volunteers must be made aware of the need to stop volunteering should they feel unwell and to follow the latest government and NHS advice for the public especially regarding COVID-19 symptoms. Training, guidance and induction to be provided via e-learning or virtual technology where possible If required, volunteers must be trained in the usage, donning, doffing, and disposal of PPE in line with PHE guidance

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