

# Dialysis Unit Volunteer

## About the opportunity

Dialysis is boring! This is a common complaint from people who have to have this life saving treatment for 4 hours, three times a week. Be part of a friendly and committed team at one of our renal units close to you, helping people have a better experience during their treatment on dialysis. This could include organising activities such as bingo, iPad team games, chess/checkers clubs, knitting clubs etc., developing supportive conversations with people, reading to visually impaired patients, helping develop the unit newsletter/magazine, organising day trips out on non-dialysis days, helping with the annual kidneycare fair, assisting with applications for patients to try volunteer placements and apply for charitable grants.

## What are they looking for?

Enthusiastic, caring, friendly people with a can-do attitude and able to take their own initiative. Reliable to time commitments but any 2-3+ hour times Monday – Saturday 08:00-18:00 acceptable. People considering a role in health and social care are welcome but often do shorter placements before college and therefore volunteers likely to develop a longer term placement are particularly encouraged including senior retirees.

## About the dialysis units

There are dialysis units operating in Wigan, Bolton, Rochdale and at Salford Royal and are all part of Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust has active volunteer programme with a supportive volunteer bureau looking to ensure you get appropriate expenses, the right support, training opportunities and job satisfaction from your very valuable role.

## How do I get involved?

If you are interested then we'd like to meet with you to discuss the role. Please email [janet.hegarty@srft.nhs.uk](mailto:janet.hegarty@srft.nhs.uk) or call 0161 206 5710.