

# Wigan, Bolton, Rochdale & Salford Dialysis Unit Volunteer Complementary Therapists

## 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. Our local dialysis unit is part of a network with unique experience of providing complementary therapy to patients whilst they are on their treatment. We are now seeking to recruit volunteers with some previous experience of delivering complementary therapy to join our friendly and committed teams at units situated in Wigan, Bolton, Rochdale or Salford, helping people have a better experience during their treatment on dialysis. You will receive full training on healthcare associated safety issues and how to approach complementary therapy whilst people are attached to the kidney machine.

Feedback from our previous therapist's placements has clearly shown the high esteem with which patients regarded the service and what an important difference it has made to their physical and psychological well-being. You could be the next person to really make a difference in the lives of people with a life-threatening illness!

## Benefits to you

- professional development opportunities and recommendations
- opportunity to have your business profile freely advertised on the Kidney Information Network, a social platform designed for patients and staff in the Greater Manchester Area <http://gmkin.org.uk/>
- consideration for support for professional subscriptions
- become part of our renal family and add 'Volunteer Therapist at Wigan, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham or Salford Dialysis Unit' to your cv/profile
- support patients with a long term condition to cope better with illness and day to day life

## 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

## What are they looking for?

Previous experience of delivering complimentary therapy including massage aromatherapy. 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. If this ad has caught your eye and you have only limited experience of complimentary therapy please do still get in touch as we will consider each case on an individual basis.

## 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.