

Make a Difference Gift your time



Volunteer Opportunity Spiritual Care Volunteer (All faith and non-faith)

Team:	Spiritual Care Team
Time commitment:	Variable, Monday - Sunday
Where?	LOROS Hospice, Groby Road, Leicester

How will you make a difference?

Palliative care means caring for the whole person, including caring for their spiritual needs. Someone's spiritual needs may change when they're diagnosed with terminal illness. With your skills and experience, you will be helping patients and their loved ones to reflect on their lives, plan for their death and make sense of what's happening. Some patients may have religious practices that are important to them which you may be able to facilitate.

What will you be doing?

- Regular visiting of the in-patient ward and Day Therapy to provide religious, spiritual and pastoral care to individuals.
- To respond appropriately and sensitively to needs as requested, for example visiting the seriously ill, dying, and bereaved/distressed.
- To facilitate collective worship and prayer as requested.
- To participate in the training and education of staff, if appropriate.
- To develop personal awareness and skills relevant to the role and to undertake training as available.
- To maintain a high degree of discretion and absolute confidentiality (subject to signing the LOROS confidentiality agreement).

What skills and qualities will you need?

- Excellent listening skills
- An understanding that you may be required to speak with people of all faiths or no faith and support without bias.
- Friendly

- Reliable
- Empathetic
- Warm
- Willingness and appropriate interpersonal skills to be alongside patients with life limiting illness and those important to them.

If you feel able to, you may also help with:

- Connecting with your local community or faith groups to enable them to learn more about LOROS and the care the Hospice provides to people with terminal illnesses.
- Providing awareness raising sessions to staff and volunteers about spiritual or religious rituals that might enable them in addressing the needs of the whole person.

How will we support you?

- We will invite you to attend team meetings and take part in team supervisions and reflective practice.
- You will also receive clinical supervision and day to day support from the Spiritual Care Lead.
- Regular updates via newsletters and events.

We would need you to complete the training below to fulfil this role:

Mandatory Training

- Fire Safety Awareness
- Health and Safety quality and Diversity
- Safeguarding
- Data security (including confidentiality)
- PREVENT training
- Infection prevention

Role specific training

- You will receive an induction to the role
- You will be offered the opportunity to attend psychological training that will support your experiences on the ward.

Next steps?

We will arrange an informal chat and provide you with further details about the opportunity to ensure it's right for you before you decide to go through our volunteer recruitment process for the role.