

Volunteer Role Description

Role Title	Therapet Visits Support Volunteer
Purpose of the role	To support sites with Canine Concern's Therapet visits to St John's Hospital, ensuring that visits comply with infection control guidelines
Where	St John's Hospital & other West Lothian sites
When	Visits are arranged ad-hoc but most visits are planned for mornings or afternoons Monday to Saturday with visits lasting no more than 1.5 hours. Volunteers must be available during this time.
Tasks to be undertaken	<p>Tasks include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulting charge nurses about any room closures in advance of visits • Informing patients and staff of the upcoming Therapet visit • Identifying and highlighting patients and staff who do not wish to receive a Therapet visit • Encouraging hand sanitisation after each room visit • Ensuring Therapet visits comply with infection control guidelines • Capturing evaluation of visits
Tasks not to be undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being responsible for the Therapet – this is the responsibility of the Therapet owner
Skills, Attitudes and Experience needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidence in spending time in the company of the Therapet animal • Confident level of reading and writing in English • Confident, friendly and approachable – you need to be able to interact with Canine Concern volunteers, patients and staff • Able to follow instructions independently • Able to use own judgement based on guidance • Flexible – the nature of a hospital environment is that changes and cancellations can be made at short notice • A clear understanding of, and adherence to NHS Lothian's core values and behaviours • A clear understanding of, and adhered to all health and safety and fire regulations and to co-operate with NHS Lothian in maintaining good standards of health and safety <p>Please note training will be given on all aspects of the role</p>
Support /Supervision	Support will be provided by the Voluntary Service Team and Nurse in Charge.
Expenses	Agreed out of pocket expenses which are incurred when carrying out this volunteer role will be reimbursed in line with the NHS Lothian volunteer expenses policy and signed off by the VSM.
How to apply / what happens next	Application Pack, Informal interview, Training, Health Status checks, Disclosure/PVG
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