

Volunteer Homeless Health Peer Supporter

Information on this role

Our Aims:

An inclusive health system where everybody has access to the health and social care they need.

Luton Homeless Partnership are looking for volunteers who have lived experience of being homeless to support people who find themselves homeless in order to help them access health-care.

The qualities needed to be a Homeless Health Peer Supporter:

Be a good listener who is interested in others and what they have to offer.
Be confident to speak about their own experiences.
Treat others in a non-judgemental way and with respect.
Be committed and reliable.
Understand the importance of boundaries and be comfortable to ask for support when needed.
Be keen to learn new skills.

Skills and experience needed to be a Homeless Health Peer Supporter:

Have a **lived experience** of homelessness.
Be willing to travel.
Practice **good time keeping**.
Have good verbal and written **communication** skills.
Be in a stable position with any medical/healthcare requirements.

As a Homeless Health Peer Supporter, you will:

- Visit partnership agencies across Luton to speak to those experiencing homelessness about their health.
- Deliver one-to-one engagements to enable people experiencing homelessness to make and attend health appointments.
- Support occasional group work sessions to help people better understand their health concerns and encourage those we help to attend health appointments and receive appropriate support.
- Accompany those we help to a variety of appointments, including doctors, hospital, dental and many more.
- In addition, you will provide practical support, such as travel fares, which will be covered by Luton Homeless Partnership.
- Advocating on behalf of those we help to ensure treatment for any health issues.

The role of a Homeless Health Peer Supporter focuses on helping to build the skills and confidence of those we help, and empower them to continue independently.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, then please apply for this role and join the team.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in becoming a Homeless Health Peer Supporter with Luton Homeless Partnership:

Either complete and return the application on the reverse side of this pamphlet, or

Telephone Diana Hurley on [07593583426](tel:07593583426)
or email Diana@LutonHomelessPartnership.co.uk

We will work together to complete the simple application form.

We will ask the following questions:

Why are you interested in this volunteer role?
What experience do you have that makes you suitable for the role?

The project recruits four times a year, and we will inform you of training dates once we have reviewed your application.

What we would like from you

We ask that you are able to offer two or three days a week after training.

- Homeless Health Peer Supporters will escort those we help to their health appointments across Luton and Bedfordshire. Appointments are likely to last between 2-4 hours including travel but may last longer.
- You will also be expected to attend regular focus groups aimed at development and recent progression. These will be held monthly.

What do I get in return?

This role will give you the opportunity to:

- Access certified training courses.
- Gain skills and experience that can be added to your CV.
- Employment opportunities with agencies connected to Luton Homeless Partnership.
- Gain insight into the health inequalities faced by homeless people which will be used to change the way services are run.
- Joining us at Luton Homeless Partnership will enable you to become part of a dedicated team aimed at development and growth.
- All travel costs and other expenses involved in the project will be covered by Luton Homeless Partnership.
- Get support to investigate your own progression and future goals.
- **!!!GET YOUR VOICE HEARD!!!**
- Be directly involved in the development of an exciting new service.

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Application to be considered for this role

Return this completed application to the address above, or via your key worker if you are receiving support from a provider.
Please complete all coloured boxes with as much information as you can provide.

Full Name	<input type="text"/>		
Current Address	<input type="text"/>		
Contact Number	<input type="text"/>		
Alternative contact details	<input type="text"/>		
Have you previously experienced homelessness?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Date Of Birth <input type="text"/>

Why would you like to volunteer and how would your experiences support others.

What would you like to achieve if your application is successful.

Thank you for taking time to complete this form and for your interest in this role.

Your Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
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