

Guidance notes for applying to our Student Volunteer programme

At West Suffolk Foundation Trust, we do understand how important a clinical shadowing or volunteer placement can be for your future healthcare career. To ensure we place you in the right environment please do spend some time on your application. Please follow the guidance below. We do follow a selection process so please spend some time on your application.

- When submitting a personal statement add as much detail as possible, why are you interested? Have you carried out any research on the role? Has someone inspired you? This statement is our first impression of you, so please, include any interests, hobbies or extra-curricular activities you have carried out, including any previous volunteering.
- The volunteer programme is a big commitment on time. Please ensure that you are able to commit to the required 50 hours before you apply. These hours may be carried out in the evening for 2 hours per week or a longer period at the weekend.
- The recruitment process from time of application may take up to 3 months dependant on the current situation with Covid. Applications will be open from 4th July – 29th July 2022 for placements over September 2022 – March 2023.
- You will need to complete DBS (disclosure barring service) as part of the application for this. There will be a charge for this.
- If you do need any further support or would like to speak to a member of the voluntary services team to discuss on voluntary.services@wsh.nhs.uk