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**Volunteer Role Description**

**Role Title:** **Our Hospital Garden** NHS Western Isles (NHSWI) **Volunteer**

**Outline of the role:**

* This document contains a summary of all the tasks involved in being a Gardening Volunteer, and the skills we are looking for.

**Main Duties of the Our Hospital Garden Volunteer:**

* We are searching for a keen gardener to help keep the outdoors of our inpatient unit looking tidy, beautiful and welcoming! This is part of a wider project proposal for the renewal of the Western Isles Hospital policies for the improved wellbeing of patients and staff
* The ideal person would have some great gardening skills and be happy to work independently. Any new plants will be available on site.

**Skills, Attitudes and Experience we are looking for:**

* Visits must be coordinated to a planned schedule
* Carry out basic gardening tasks such as sowing, weeding, soil enrichment, propgation
* Plant new shrubs and maintain existing ones
* Keep the gardens looking tidy

**Our Expectations of Volunteer**

* To be able to commit consistently though weather conditions & for seasonal requirements
* To raise any concerns with staff so support can be provided accordingly.
* To enjoy the session and benefit personally from their valued input.
* To provide own tools and protective clothing, said items to be taken away at the end of each visit

**In return NHS Western Isles will provide you with:**

* Training and support
* Provide a named person to support and be available to discuss your role and any successes or problems
* Access to information about NHS Western Isles, its history, policies and purpose
* Out of pocket expenses in line with CEL 23 (2011)
* Insurance
* Recognition for your service
* Access to a reference and awards for volunteering i.e. Saltire Award
* Volunteer Identification badge
* Opportunity to learn new skills
* Opportunity to meet new people
* Sense of involvement
* Opportunity to make a difference/Help others and enhance their local area

**Support:**

* The point of contact for the volunteer is Mr Jack Mackay, who will be happy to address any concerns they might have.

**Any questions:**

* Please contact Mr Jack Mackay via email on jmackay00@btinternet.com

**Interested? For more information about this or any other volunteer role within the NHS Western Isles, contact the Volunteer Services Co-ordinator on 01851 704704 ext 2408.**