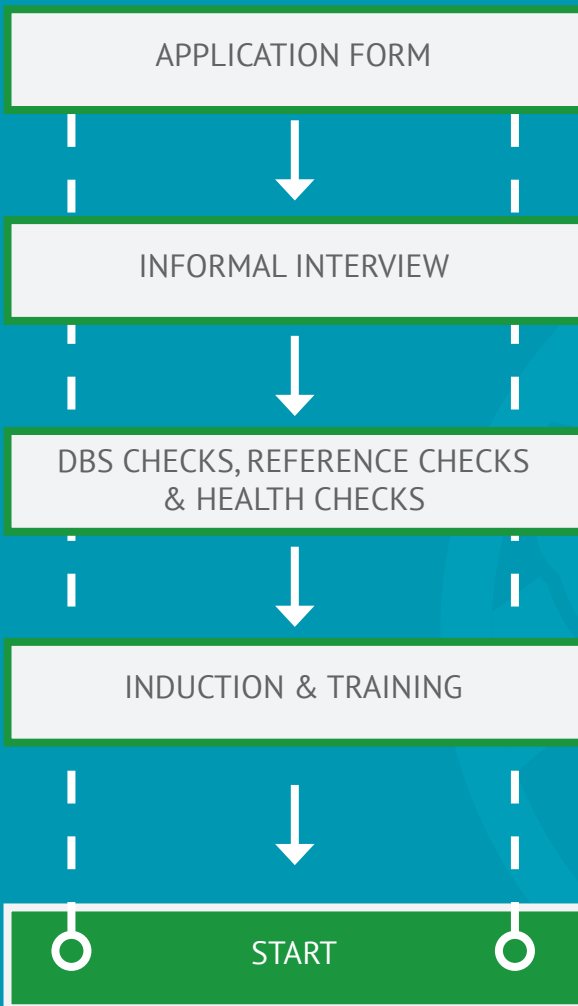


## WHAT NEXT?

This guide shows the steps you will go through when applying as a volunteer at the Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust:



More information about the process and frequently asked questions can be found on our website, or you can contact us if you have any questions.

### Voluntary Services

The Great Western Hospital,  
Marlborough Road, Swindon  
SN3 6BB

T: 01793 605247

E: [gwh.voluntary.services@nhs.net](mailto:gwh.voluntary.services@nhs.net)

W: [www.gwh.nhs.uk/support-us/volunteers/](http://www.gwh.nhs.uk/support-us/volunteers/)



## Interested in Volunteering?



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## INSPIRING

People often get started volunteering through seeing someone else doing it or because they themselves have benefitted from being helped. You could inspire your friends, a neighbour or even a patient to volunteer by sharing your experiences.

## FULFILLING

Volunteers really can make a difference to the experience of our patients and visitors by helping in some of the following ways:

- Supporting patients with practical tasks for example by making mealtimes more sociable, helping maintain patient mobility, listening to experiences, helping people to speak up or by providing social interaction.
- Helping visitors by providing a warm welcome, help to find their way around the hospital by giving directions, or by providing or signposting to further information
- Supporting our staff by helping with occasional administrative tasks, or ensuring information for patients is readily available

## WORTHWHILE

In return for your time, you can expect plenty back. Our volunteers tell us they do it to make a difference, meet new people, and give something back, maybe to learn new skills, or even try out a new career.

You'll be provided with an induction to the hospital alongside other new volunteers, and we'll support you to settle in.



## WHAT WE LOOK FOR

You don't need any special skills or experience, but you need to be over 16 to volunteer with us and we will ask you to complete our application process.

We ask all of our volunteers to be reliable, willing to help, with a good sense of humour and a cheerful disposition.

Useful skills to have, or to want to develop, are the ability to chat and listen to people and be able to speak up if something's wrong.

## APPLYING TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER

You can view our current vacancies and apply online at [www.jobs.nhs.uk/extsearch?client\\_id=120810](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk/extsearch?client_id=120810) or you can call us to discuss volunteering.

Once we've received your application, we'll invite you for an informal chat to ascertain your suitability for the role. We can also answer any further questions you have before we complete our volunteer recruitment checks.

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