



LSCIC Garden Volunteer Role Description

Purpose of the role:

The LSCIC Garden volunteer will make a valuable contribution to the upkeep and appearance of the LSCIC Garden and elsewhere.

Many of our long-term patients, and their visitors, enjoy spending some time off the ward, and the gardens provide a valuable relaxing and therapeutic environment.

Responsible to:	Volunteer Services Team
Department:	Estates
Hours / days:	Weekdays
Location:	Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore

Key tasks:

- Weatherproofing, painting and maintaining structures, fencing and seating
- Grounds maintenance – spraying paving for weeds, maintaining paving in a good condition
- Dealing with pests, such as ants
- Tools maintenance
- Fishpond – cleaning pump, thinning pond plants
- Greenhouse maintenance and refurbishment
- Maintaining compost heap structures
- Weeding
- Sweeping and bagging up leaves and other garden waste
- Soil preparation and planting out
- Mulching and fertilising
- Pruning shrubs and trees
- Barrowing waste to compost heap
- Helping with fund-raising activities such as summer garden tea parties

What we will provide:

Tools and materials will be supplied by the RNOH NHS Trust, but the volunteer must supply their own footwear, which should be strong working boots. All tasks are important to the continued use of the therapy garden as a therapeutic and leisure space. The volunteer will be a valued member of the team. Due to H&S rules, the volunteers will not be permitted to use any power tools.

Co-ordination and Priorities:

The volunteers will work closely with the Estates Department, who will establish priorities and oversee activities. Estates will also provide guidance as and where required.

Please email the volunteer office if you require any further information: volunteering@rnoh.nhs.uk