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| **Role Title** | Meaningful Activity Volunteer |
| **Purpose of the role** | To take part in meaningful activities with patients to help assist in diversional therapy |
| **Where** | MAC (meaningful activity centres)  Wards/Units across NHS Lothian |
| **When** | MAC 10-12 and 2-4 Monday to Friday  Wards - As required –evening and weekends possible |
| **Tasks to be undertaken** | * Carry out meaningful activities 1:1 with patients, such as painting, pampering, games, music, looking at old photos, quizzes, games etc with the patients * Taking part in socialising group activities such as arts & crafts, games and listening to music * Support the set up and tidy up of activities e.g. Afternoon Teas and crafts * Physical activities e.g. accompanying patients for walks with the consent of staff. * Collect patients from wards and accompany them to MAC * To bring to the attention any concerns about patients to a member of staff |
| **Tasks not to be undertaken** | * Feeding unless training has been undertaken * Manual Handling of patients e.g transferring from bed to chair |
| **Skills, Attitudes and Experience needed** | * No previous skills are required as training will be given * Good communication and listening skills * Non judgemental and sensitive approach * Positive attitude * Willingness to learn * A confident, articulate and personable manner, with understanding and empathy (this may not be appropriate for all roles) * A good understanding of confidentiality * A commitment to high standards and quality service * Reliable, punctual and committed * Patience, understanding and sensitivity of the needs patients, their families * Adhere to all health and safety and fire regulations and to co-operate with the NHS in maintaining good standards of health and safety.   Please note training will be given on all aspects of the role |
| **Support /Supervision** | Voluntary Services Team and the nurse in charge of the ward/MAC |
| **Expenses** | Agreed out of pocket expenses which are incurred when carrying out this volunteer role will be reimbursed in line with the NHS Lothian volunteer expenses policy and signed off by the VSM. |
| **How to apply / what happens next** | Application Pack, Informal interview, Training,  Health Status checks, Disclosure/PVG |
| **Created, by whom** | Diane Lockhart July 2020 |