**Volunteer Independent Visitor (IV)**

**Salford, Bolton, Liverpool and St Helens**

Would you like to befriend a child or young person in care to achieve the outcomes that matter to them in their lives, by building a strong bond and supportive them to experience a range of activities.

**Yes?**

Then our Volunteer Independent Visitor role may be right for you!

**You could make a difference by …**

Supporting a child or young person who may have little or contact with their parents or other family members.

**You could be part of a service that offers to support a child or young person by …**

* Matching your hobbies and interests to that of the child or young person
* Being a positive role model who can enable a child or young person to take more productive paths in their lives
* Being that ‘trusted person’ that a young person can talk to and to share their concerns with a view to supporting them to get their desired outcome

**Who are we looking for?**

We are looking for friendly people aged 21 or over who are reliable, compassionate, caring, respectful and understanding people who are good communicators to join our volunteer team.

You don't need to be an expert; empathy matters more than academic qualifications or experience and we are keen to hear from people from all walks of life

**All we ask is that you are keen and able to …**

* Have the ability to understand the circumstances of children and young people in care and put the needs of children and young people first
* Have excellent communication skills and be comfortable conversing with children and young people
* Commit to children and young people’s rights and welfare
* Complete and submit relevant paperwork and forms
* Be computer literate and have access to emails and Microsoft Teams on a device
* Attend quarterly supervisions and volunteer meetings with our volunteer management team
* Attend necessary internal and external training
* Adhere to our volunteer policies and procedures
* Maintain strict confidentiality
* To commit to 3 or 4 hours a month offering a commitment of 2 years
* Travel using public transport or your own vehicle for which you should have a full UK driving licence

**What you will receive in return …**

* Training
* An opportunity to develop your skills and experience in the health and social care sector
* Support and encouragement from our volunteer management team
* Out of pocket expenses
* Testimonials or a reference to support your career progression
* And most of all … a rewarding experience

**OUR VALUES**

**Quality:**  We deliver high **quality** advocacy - we have over 20 years' experience of providing expert, person-led advocacy.

**People:** We put **people** at the heart of everything we do and want to enable them to make positive change in their lives.

**Respectful:** We are a **respectful** team - we treat everyone equally and make sure everyone feels valued, respected and listened to.

**Trust:** You can **trust** us and know that we will keep your information confidential and safe.

**Independent:** We are **independent** of councils and health services and we are on your side.

**Learning:**  We never stop **learning** - we learn from the people we support, our partners and each other.