

# Volunteer Role Description

## Driver



### Role Summary

After a stroke many people will not be able to drive and may find it challenging to access local activities, services and events. As a result many people lose their independence and can become socially isolated. As a driver you will provide a safe, comfortable transport service to stroke survivors, and sometimes their carers and families, so that they can continue to feel part of their local community.

### Tasks this role can include:

- Using your own vehicle to transport stroke survivors, and sometimes their carers, families, baggage and/or equipment eg: walking aids to groups, appointments, events and activities in the local area.
- Assisting stroke survivors in and out of your vehicle where necessary.
- Engaging in conversation with the people you are providing transport for.

### This might be the role for you if:

- You have access to your own car or other suitable vehicle.
- You are a safe and competent driver.
- You have a good general knowledge of your local area.
- You can keep appointments and arrive on time.
- You hold a full driving licence, comprehensive vehicle insurance and a valid MOT certificate if your car is over three years old.
- You have a friendly and sociable manner.

### The benefits for you:

- An understanding and awareness of stroke and its effects and the challenges people face after stroke.
- An opportunity to enhance your CV or learn new skills.
- An opportunity to engage with your local community.

## Support and training provided:

### **Mandatory Training** (Volunteers MUST complete this training to perform the role)

- The Stroke Association Volunteer Induction (face to face – one full day)
- Personal Safety for Volunteers (webinar – two hours)

### **Advisory rather than mandatory**

- Client Assist (face to face – one full day) \* If driving people in need of physical assistance to make trips.

### **Additional Learning Opportunities** (Further relevant learning you can undertake)

- Safeguarding
- Hidden Effects of Stroke
- Emotional Impact of Stroke
- Supporting People with Aphasia

### **Ongoing Support and Training**

- Ongoing and regular training and support as the role requires
- Induction Area on STAR

A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check at an enhanced or standard level is required for this role, or a PVG or Access NI check in the appropriate countries.

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