

## How to search for a volunteering opportunity using the NHS Volunteering service

This guide explains how to search for a volunteering opportunity using the NHS Volunteering service.

**Important:** Search results will include:

- Organisations who may have NHS volunteering opportunities available.
- NHS volunteering opportunities that meet your search criteria.
- NHS volunteering opportunities that could be carried out remotely from any location in England.

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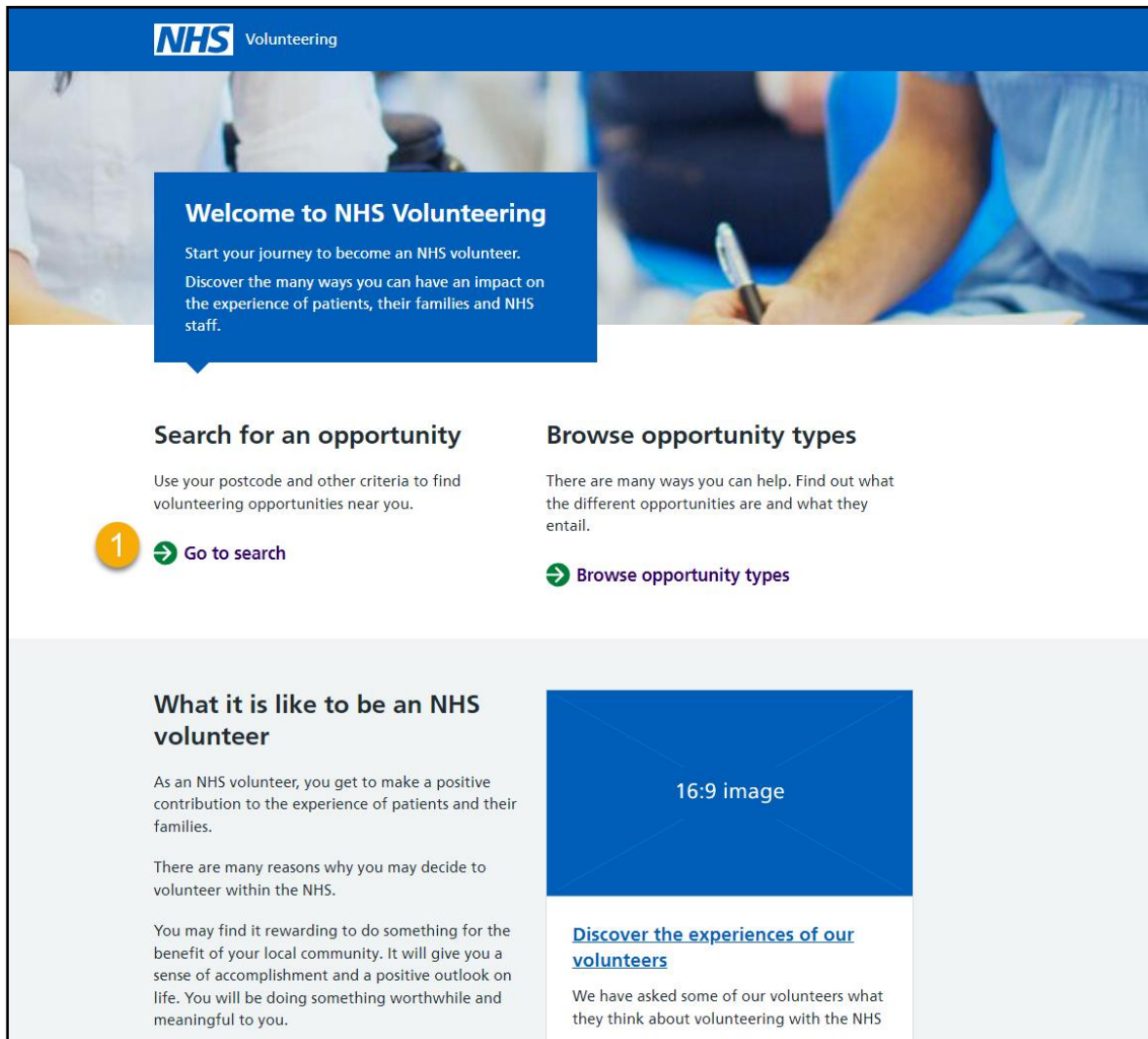
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## Go to the search page

**Important:** Go to the [NHS Volunteering website](#) to follow these steps.

To search for an opportunity:

1. Select the '[Go to search](#)' link.



## Search for volunteering opportunities near you

To search for volunteering opportunities near you:

1. Enter your English postcode in the 'Enter a postcode in England' box,
2. Select how far, between 3 and 30 miles, from the postcode you have added you would be willing to travel.
3. Select the '[Search](#)' button.

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### Search for a volunteering opportunity near me

Enter a postcode in England

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How far from your postcode would you like to search?

2 ☐ Up to 3 miles

☐ Up to 5 miles

☐ Up to 10 miles

☐ Up to 20 miles

☐ Up to 30 miles

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## Volunteering search results

This page explains how to use the NHS Volunteering search results page.

**Important:** You can filter your results to show only certain types of opportunity.

To navigate the search results:

1. Select the '[Go back](#)' link to return to the Search for a volunteering opportunity near me page.
2. Select the '[Opportunity title](#)' link to view the full advert for that opportunity.
3. View the 'Tags' that give you helpful information about the opportunity.
4. Select the 'Next' link to view more opportunities.
5. Use the 'Distance' filter to select how far you would like to search for opportunities.
6. Use the 'Volunteer setting' filter to select the setting of the opportunity.
7. Use the 'Volunteering for' filter to select who you would like to volunteer with.
8. Use the 'Type of volunteering' filter to select type of opportunity.
9. Use the 'Age filter' to select opportunities for under or over 18-year-olds.
10. Use the 'Availability' filter to select weekend or weekday opportunities.
11. Select the 'Apply filters' button to apply any filtering options you have selected.

The screenshot shows the NHS Volunteering search results page for opportunities near LS29ET. The page is titled 'Volunteering opportunities near LS29ET' and displays a list of opportunities. On the left side, there are several filter sections: 'Filter your search', 'Distance' (set to 'Up to 5 miles'), 'Volunteer setting' (with checkboxes for 'Healthcare facility' and 'Community support'), 'Volunteering for' (with checkboxes for 'Children', 'Older people', 'People that need mental health support', 'People with physical disabilities', and 'People with learning disabilities'), 'Type of volunteering' (with checkboxes for 'Admin', 'Driving', 'With people', 'Non-public facing', 'NHS Fundraising', 'NHS Retail', and 'Gardening and DIY'), 'Age filter' (set to 'Select one'), and 'Availability' (with checkboxes for 'Weekday' and 'Weekend'). At the bottom of the filters is an 'Apply filters' button. The main content area shows three opportunities: 'Walk and talk volunteer', 'Telephone Befriender', and 'Walk and talk Volunteer'. Each opportunity includes a title, location (Leeds area), NHS Volunteering - Training and Support, and a description of main responsibilities and shifts. The page has a 'Next' button at the bottom right, labeled 'Page 2 of 10'. The footer contains links for 'Help and support', 'Terms and conditions', 'Accessibility statement', 'Privacy', 'Cookies', 'Sign in to advertise NHS Volunteering opportunities', and '© Crown copyright'.

## Volunteering opportunity advert

This page explains the information and links on a volunteering opportunity advert.

1. Select the '[Go back to search results](#)' link to return to the Search results page. (Optional)
2. This shows the title of the volunteering opportunity.
3. Select the 'Register for this opportunity' button to apply for the opportunity.
4. This shows a summary of the opportunity to help you understand what's involved.
5. This shows a summary of skills and other requirements you'll need for the role.
6. This shows other useful information such as available shifts, where the opportunity could be based and who will provide support.
7. A summary of what happens once you've registered your interest.
8. Select the '**About organisation**' link to find out more about the organisation.
9. Select the '**Who to contact if you have questions**' link to see contact information if you have questions about the opportunity or your application.

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2. **Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care Volunteer Companion - Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Transport**

The organisation may close this opportunity at any time based on their needs.

3. [Register for this opportunity](#)

4. **Summary**

The role of the Volunteer Companion is to support the patient during their journey to and from the location of their treatment. The Volunteer Companion also supports the Volunteer Driver in their role.

Working as part of a team with the Volunteer Driver, you will ensure that the patient is transported in a comfortable and caring environment.

5. **Am I the right person for this?**

This opportunity will suit someone friendly, well organised, and compassionate.

You don't need any previous experience or qualifications (full training provided), and you should be confident speaking to a diverse range of people while also being comfortable in sensitive situations.

You will need to be:

- Over 21 years old.
- Live in the SE or DH postcode areas.
- Have access to email and be able to use a mobile phone/computer.
- No medical condition which would affect your ability to carry out your role - walking, getting in and out of larger vehicle, pushing a wheelchair.

6. **Useful information about the opportunity**

**Date posted:** 19 February 2024

**Shifts available:** The service runs 7 days a week and shifts operate on full days - occasionally at unsociable hours. All volunteers are collected/dropped off from their home address. Volunteer availability is requested on a weekly basis (2 weeks in advance) as there are no fixed weekly shift rosters.

**Reference Number:** R.065-YBN

**Role locations:** Northern Centre for Cancer Care  
Freeman Road  
High Heaton  
NE7 7JH

**Who will support you:** Volunteer Manager

7. **What happens after you register with us**

We will contact you within 2 working days upon submitting your enquiry.

You will then be invited to complete a full application - which will include two character references.

The application process also includes an informal interview at the charity offices in Gosforth, Newcastle.

8. [About Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care](#)

9. [Who to contact if you have questions](#)

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