

## 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](#).

You can find further guidance including guides and videos to help you apply for a volunteering opportunity on our [Help and support for volunteers](#) webpage.

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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.

The screenshot shows the NHS Volunteering website. At the top, there is a blue header with the NHS logo and the word 'Volunteering'. Below the header, there is a white bar with a 'BETA' label and a link to 'Give your feedback to help us improve this service. Take our survey (opens in a new tab)'. The main content area has a blue background with the heading 'Become an NHS volunteer' and a sub-heading 'Search for an opportunity'. A large orange circle with the number '1' and a green arrow pointing to the right is next to the text 'Go to search'. Below this, there is a section titled 'What it is like to be an NHS volunteer' with a list of benefits and a 'How you can help' section. To the right of the text is an image of a volunteer at a 'Volunteers Desk'. Below the image is a section titled 'What our volunteers say' with a group photo of volunteers. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled 'Advertise volunteering opportunities' with a 'Find out more' link. The footer contains links for 'Help and support', 'Terms and conditions', 'Accessibility statement', 'Privacy', 'Cookies', and 'Sign in to advertise NHS Volunteer opportunities', along with a copyright notice for Crown copyright.

## Search for a volunteering opportunity

To search for volunteering opportunities near you:

1. In the 'Enter a postcode in England' box, enter the English postcode you want to use to search for nearby opportunities.
2. Select how far from the postcode you have added you would like to search for opportunities between 3 and 30 miles.
3. Select the '[Search](#)' button.

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## Search for a volunteering opportunity

1 Enter a postcode in England

2 How far from your postcode would you like to search?

Up to 3 Miles

Up to 5 Miles

Up to 10 Miles

Up to 20 Miles

Up to 30 Miles

3 [Search](#)

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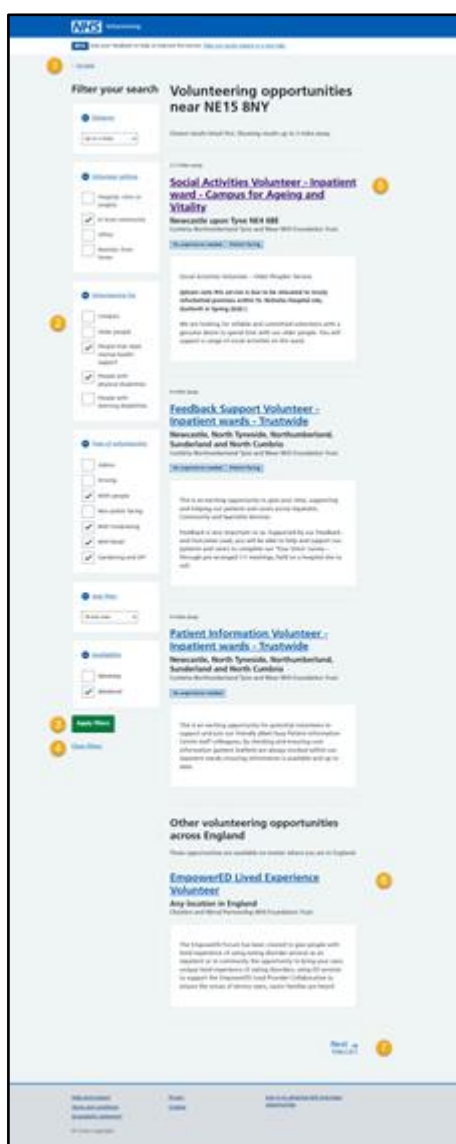
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## Volunteering search results

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

To navigate the search results:

1. Select the [‘Go back’](#) link to return to the Search for a volunteering opportunity page.
2. Select any filters by expanding the filter options. Select all check boxes that apply.
3. Then the **‘Apply filters’** button to update your search results.
4. Select the **‘Clear filters’** link to clear any filters you have added.
5. Select the [‘Opportunity title’](#) link to view the advert for an opportunity that meets your search criteria.
6. Select the [‘Opportunity title’](#) link to view the advert for a remote opportunity that is available no matter where you are in England
7. Select the **‘Next’** link to view more opportunities that have been returned.



## 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 organisation and title of the volunteering opportunity.
3. Select the 'Apply 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.

The screenshot shows the NHS Volunteering website interface. At the top, there's a blue header with the NHS logo and 'Volunteering' text. Below the header, there's a navigation bar with a 'Go back to results' link. The main content area is titled 'Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Volunteer Shop / Cafe'. It includes a summary section, a section titled 'Am I the right person for this?' with a list of requirements, and a section titled 'Useful information about the opportunity' which contains details like 'Date posted: 19 May 2025', 'Shifts available: Shifts are available from 9am to 4pm every day of the week depending on the site. Shifts are three to four hours per week. Everyone is welcome to volunteer but our minimum age is 16. We understand that everyone has different schedules, and we value any time you can offer to support us.', and 'Reference Number: VCR7F-NIC-KGG'. At the bottom, there are two links: 'About Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust' and 'Who to contact if you have questions'.

You've reached the end of this user guide.