

Crocodile Club Activities Support Volunteer role description

Under the guidance of the Croc Club team leader the volunteer provides basic and diversionary play activities for patients and their siblings in the Disney area of the Lagoon - ensuring that the highest standards of play care are available for the children. Play offers an opportunity for patients and families to engage in developmentally appropriate activities, while providing an opportunity for socialisation. Play allows freedom of choice, fosters creativity, diverts patients from stress and worry, and normalises their environment.

Time commitment:

Approximately 5 hour session per week. Between 10.30am and 3pm on Mondays or Thursdays.

Key tasks:

- To be guided by the team leader on appropriate arts and crafts and play activities for patients and their siblings
- Helping to maintain a clean safe environment in which children can play
- Setting up and tidying/cleaning/locking away toys and equipment
- Monitor the environment and all visitors ensuring appropriate usage of equipment
- Supervises, instructs, encourages and interacts with patients/siblings as they participate in play
- Alerts Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) staff to any issues of concern
- Welcomes any patients/visitors to club

Desired skills and experience:

- Experience of working with young people/children (including babysitting, volunteering)
- Creative and play skills (arts and crafts, storytelling, games)
- Listening skills
- Sensitive and tactful nature
- Emotionally mature
- Compassion
- Reliable and trustworthy
- Understanding of (ability to learn) personal/professional boundaries

We will provide:

- Supervision and support from a dedicated member of staff at GOSH
- Induction to GOSH
- Specific training for the role
- Local induction to the ward or department
- On-going up-dates and information
- Reimbursement of travel expenses (up to a maximum of Zone 6 return journey)
- A meal voucher for £2.50
- References can be provided after 6 months of volunteering