

## **Volunteer Role Description**

**Title: Sight Loss Volunteer Advisor**

**Responsible to: Team leader**

**Expected Commitment: Four days per month**

**Location: Various locations within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland which include community settings and hospitals.**

### **About Us:**

Vista changes lives. We are the leading charity working with children and adults with sight loss in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

We are passionate about providing the very best services; in hospitals, at home, in residential care and in the community. Whether someone is newly diagnosed or has lived their whole life with reduced sight, Vista's specialist staff provide a vital lifeline to over 6,000 local people each year.

### **Primary Objectives:**

- **To offer emotional support to people who have been diagnosed with sight loss or maybe at risk of losing their sight.**
- **To provide practical advice, guidance, identifying individual needs signposting accordingly.**

### **Responsibilities:**

- To engage in key locations within the community, making contact with people who are and may be at risk of losing their sight
- To help deliver information about the prevention of sight loss
- Offer opportunities to access support within the local communities

- To promote Vista in community and events to publicise our valuable services
- To support our ECLO teams within community hospitals

### **Qualities and skills we are looking for:**

- Genuine interest in supporting people with sight loss or at risk of losing their sight
- Patience and good listening skills
- Good communication skills
- A friendly attitude

### **Support provided for you:**

- Full Induction and Visual Impairment Awareness training
- Training in hospital protocols or community locations
- Reasonable reimbursement of out of pocket expenses such as mileage or public transport costs.

### **We hope that by becoming a volunteer you:**

- Feel rewarded and empowered
- Increase your own self confidence
- Meet new and interesting people
- Develop new skills and share your knowledge and skills
- Learn new skills that could be helpful for future employment opportunities or further learning

### **Health & Safety:**

- Take reasonable care for the Health & Safety of themselves and others whom may be affected by their acts or omissions whilst volunteering with Vista.

**This volunteering opportunity is suitable for volunteers aged 18 years and above and is subject to a DBS check and two references.**

### **Next steps:**

For an Application form contact the Volunteer Coordinator

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