

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

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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 homepage. At the top, there is a blue header with the NHS logo and the word 'Volunteering'. Below the header, there is a navigation 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 features a large image of two people, with a blue call-to-action box that says 'Become an NHS volunteer' and 'Discover how you can make an impact on the experience of patients, their families and the NHS.' Below this, there are two columns of content. The left column is titled 'Search for an opportunity' and includes a large orange circle with the number '1' and a green arrow icon next to the text 'Go to search'. The right column is titled 'How you can help' and includes a green arrow icon next to the text 'View opportunity types'. Below these columns, there is a section titled 'What it is like to be an NHS volunteer' with a list of bullet points: 'make a positive contribution to the experience of patients and their families', 'do something for the benefit of your local community', 'get a sense of accomplishment and a positive outlook on life', and 'do something worthwhile and meaningful to you.' To the right of this section is a small image of volunteers in a hospital setting and a box titled 'What our volunteers say' with the text 'We have asked some of our volunteers what they think about volunteering with the NHS'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links for 'Help and support', 'Terms and conditions', 'Accessibility statement', 'Privacy', 'Cookies', 'Sign in to advertise NHS Volunteer opportunities', and '© Crown copyright'.

## Search for volunteering opportunities near you

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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BETA Give your feedback to help us improve this service. [Take our survey \(opens in a new tab\)](#).

[Go back](#)

## 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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## Volunteering search results

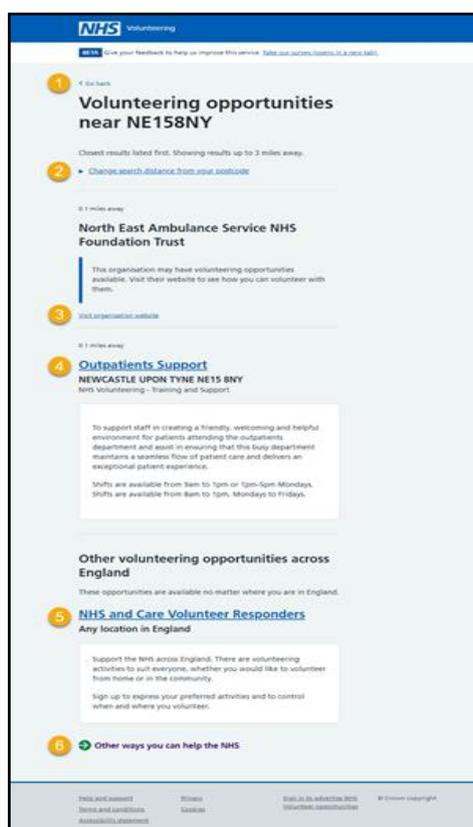
This page explains how to use the NHS Volunteering search results page.

**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 from any location in England.

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 '[Change search distance from your postcode](#)' link to change the search distance you want to see in your results.
3. Select the '**Visit organisation website**' link to view volunteering information on an organisation's website.
4. Select the '[Opportunity title](#)' link to view the advert for an opportunity that meets your search criteria.
5. Select the '[Opportunity title](#)' link to view the advert for a remote opportunity.
6. Select '[Other ways you can help the NHS](#)' link to find out of other ways to support the NHS, for example; blood donation.



## Change search distance from your postcode

To change the search distance from your postcode:

1. Select the '[Go back](#)' link return to the Search for a volunteering opportunity near me page.
2. Select the '[Change search distance from your postcode](#)' link and select how far from the postcode you have added you would like to search for opportunities between 3 and 30 miles.
3. Select the '[Update results](#)' button.

The screenshot shows the NHS Volunteering website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the NHS logo and the word 'Volunteering'. Below the header, a 'BETA' badge is followed by 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 light blue background. A yellow circle with the number '1' is next to a '< Go back' link. The main heading is 'Volunteering opportunities near NE158NY'. Below this, it says 'Closest results listed first. Showing results up to 3 miles away.' A yellow circle with the number '2' is next to a dropdown menu labeled 'Change search distance from your postcode'. The dropdown is open, showing the question 'How far from your postcode would you like to search?' and five radio button options: 'Up to 3 Miles' (selected), 'Up to 5 Miles', 'Up to 10 Miles', 'Up to 20 Miles', and 'Up to 30 Miles'. A yellow circle with the number '3' is next to a green 'Update results' button.

## 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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1 [Go back to results](#)

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2 **Walk and talk Volunteer 190824**

The closing date for this opportunity is 31 December 2024.  
The organisation may close this opportunity at any time based on their needs.

3 [Apply for this opportunity](#)

4 **Summary**  
You will support our mental health services team with the running of the walk and talk activity.  
You will encourage people to take part in this therapeutic and social activity. You will meet and greet people as they arrive and direct walkers along the designated route.

5 **Am I the right person for this?**  
This opportunity will suit someone friendly, approachable and enthusiastic.  
You don't need any previous experience, qualifications or training. You should have good people skills and enjoy the outdoors. You need to be reliable and be good at time keeping.  
You need to be 16 or over to volunteer with us.

6 **Useful information about the opportunity**  
Date posted: 19 August 2024  
Shifts available: Shifts are available from 9am to 5pm, Mondays to Fridays.  
Reference Number: V255A-V33-AP5  
Role location: 152 PILGRIM STREET  
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE  
NE1 6DN  
1 Street  
Town  
NE1 6DN  
Who will support you: Ward Manager

7 **What happens after you apply for this opportunity**  
We'll get in touch with you when we review your registration. This might take 2 weeks.  
After that, we will back in a chat to get to know you a bit more.

8 [About NHS Volunteering - test account - updated Jan](#)

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

[Apply for this opportunity](#)

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