



Pagan Federation Hospital Ministry Team – Mental Health Hospital Visiting

Volunteer Role Description

About the Pagan Federation:

Founded in 1971, the PF seeks to support all Pagans to ensure they have the same rights as followers of other beliefs and religions. It aims to promote a positive profile for Pagans and Paganism and to provide information on Pagan beliefs to the media, official bodies and the greater community.

About the Community Support Team:

The Community Support Team is made up of eight teams, each of which supports a different need in the community: Accessibility, Children and Families, LGBTQIA+, Hospital Ministry, Cultural Diversity, Education, Intrafaith, and Interfaith.

About the role:

Your role is to provide regular monthly visits and spiritual support to your designated hospital for the purpose of supporting Pagan patients, their families and staff, as well as occasional visits as required by patients or staff. You will also be required to attend regular training and have regular supervision sessions with your manager.

You must be a Pagan Federation member of good standing to apply for this role.

Our Objectives:

The Pagan Federation Hospital Ministry Team is responsible for supporting patients and their family members while in hospital; delivering spiritual care to patients, their families and hospital staff; and raising awareness of Paganism for all concerned.

Key skills:

- An enquiring and creative mind
- A listening ear
- A solid work ethic
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Able to do simple administration
- IT literate
- Willing to learn
- Knowledge and experience of working with mental health

Key areas of responsibility:

Role specific:

- Visiting designated mental health hospital twice per month minimum, more frequently if required by patients
- Possess the knowledge and understanding of mental health to work with patients
- Possess the skills to be able to liaise with your designated hospital once introduced
- Be prepared to partake in the necessary training
- To contribute to social media initiatives, publications, websites and blogs where possible for you to do so
- To attend and speak at moots, conferences, in healthcare settings and other relevant groups about the Hospital Ministry Team and its work
- To keep a reflective diary of practice and attend regular supervision sessions with your manager
- To adhere to the Code of Conduct and Confidentiality and all other relevant Pagan Federation policies
- To report to the Hospitals Ministry Manager
- To adhere to all policies and procedures of any hospital visited

General:

- Must be self-declared (or otherwise) as Pagan
- Must be a member of the PF, in good standing, and remain a member in order to hold this role
- Will conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times
- Will adhere to the PF Code of Conduct, policies and procedures
- Will take care of yourself and ask for help from the relevant people as and when needed
- Will act appropriately as a Pagan Federation Officer and not bring the organisation into disrepute
- You will use your PF email for communicating official business and check your inbox at least weekly

Location and travel requirements:

You will be required to travel to your designated hospital(s) to provide visitation and spiritual support at least twice a month with the potential for extra visits if necessary, according to patient or staff need. On occasion there may be PF in-person meetings to attend, however we also offer Zoom attendance to all meetings.

Benefits:

This is a volunteer role so doesn't carry a salary, holiday entitlement or a pension. You can claim back reasonable expenses for travel etc. upon approval from your line manager. The benefits lie in personal satisfaction, gaining knowledge and experience that can help you further your own goals and ambitions and in knowing that you are helping the PF to further their aims and objectives.