

# Bowel cancer awareness talk volunteer

## Volunteer role description

Registered Charity Number 1071038 (England and Wales) and SC040914 (Scotland)

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### **About Bowel Cancer UK**

We're the UK's leading bowel cancer charity. We're determined to save lives and improve the quality of life of everyone affected by bowel cancer. We support and fund targeted research, provide expert information and support to patients and their families, educate the public and professionals about the disease and campaign for early diagnosis and access to best treatment and care.



#### **Role Summary**

As an awareness talk volunteer, you'll deliver awareness talks about bowel cancer symptoms, screening and our services to local organisations and community groups. We provide a standardised powerpoint presentation that can be presented either virtually (optional) or in person in your local community. Virtual opportunities are UK-wide.



#### Main duties and responsibilities

- Confident in delivering bowel cancer awareness material to a range of audiences either online or in person
- Act as an ambassador for what we do, displaying enthusiasm and commitment
- Aim to deliver 12 talks per year. This is an aspirational and flexible target
- Ensure information in the local community is relevant and up-to-date
- Add your personal experience of bowel cancer to the presentation (where appropriate)
- Establish connections with local organisations and community groups.



#### What you could get out of this role

- An opportunity to raise vital awareness of bowel cancer symptoms and screening
- Experience of public speaking and promoting public health initiatives
- Opportunity to interact with our other volunteers and staff
- Increased confidence
- References for future employers



#### Knowledge, skills and abilities

- Excellent interpersonal, listening and communication skills
- An understanding of the importance of confidentiality and data protection
- Confident public speaker
- Able to communicate with people from various backgrounds and with different levels of understanding
- Good basic IT experience or experience of using Zoom
- Reliable and trustworthy



#### Training and support provided

- Awareness around bowel cancer, signs and symptoms of bowel cancer and bowel screening programmes
- Role specific training including but not limited to:
  - 1. GDPR
  - 2. safeguarding
  - 3. presentation skills
  - 4. training on how to deliver our awareness materials
- Training to deliver events independently
- Quarterly volunteer newsletter
- Volunteer handbook
- Regular virtual volunteer social opportunities (optional)
- Ongoing support from our staff

#### References

We ask volunteers to provide two referees for this role.

#### **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks**

Some of our volunteer roles are classed as regulated activities supporting vulnerable people, and volunteers applying for these roles will be asked to undertake a DBS check. This is at no cost to the volunteer. We'll contact you to provide further information on this process.

This role doesn't require a criminal records check.

#### Volunteer expenses

We believe that none of our volunteers should find themselves out of pocket because of an expense incurred when carrying out their volunteering activities on our behalf. As a volunteer you can claim out of pocket expenses as referenced in the Volunteer Expenses Guidance.

#### Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we're committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

#### Any questions?

If you'd like some more information or have any questions about this role, please email [name and email].

To apply for this volunteer role please complete an application form on our website

