

VOLUNTEER TASK: Researcher

RESEARCHER'S ROLE:

Healthwatch Newham gathers a variety of evidence about local health and social care services and the experiences of local people who use them. We share our insights – both good and bad - with decision-makers so that local people get their voice heard regarding the delivery of services in their area.

Researchers help us by finding out about local health & social care services using the internet, local libraries, local newsletters or contacting local organisations. You'll tell us what you find and this helps us build a clearer picture of what's going on. In addition, if you already have academic research skills, we have projects where your skills would be very valuable.

This is a flexible role, both in terms of time commitment and location as it's possible to work from home or our office at Newham Resources Centre, 200 Chargeable Lane, E13 8DW

REQUIREMENTS:

IT skills

Research skills using the internet, local libraries, local newsletters & local organisations etc

Able to use own initiative

Happy with minimum supervision

Logical, accurate & able to organize information, sometimes in a set

format

Reliability

Flexibility re: time commitment required as research projects vary

ADDITIONAL USEFUL SKILLS:

Knowledge of academic research methods

Knowledge of health and/or social care policy

Information management skills

Able to create or publish content for Healthwatch Newham's website and social media

Design/production skills re: communication and publicity materials SUPERVISION & SUPPORT:

Induction to the organisation.

Instruction to prepare you for the role.

On-going guidance related to the tasks

Regular volunteer support meetings.

Travel costs that are incurred will be met. 2

Opportunities to become further involved in Healthwatch Newham activities.

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