

NORTH HERTS HOSPICE CARE ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEER COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIST ROLE PROFILE

ROLE PROFILE:	Volunteer Complementary Therapist
ACCOUNTABLE TO:	Director of Patient Services
REPORTING TO:	Complementary Therapy (CT) Staff
HOURS OF WORK:	3-4 hours weekly

OVERALL AIM

We are currently looking for qualified and insured complementary therapists in Massage, Aromatherapy, Reflexology, Holistic Facial and Reiki, ideally in at least two or more of the therapies to work across the hospice: Day Services, In Patient Unit and Group Settings.

Applicants must have appropriate training qualifications, at least two years post qualification experience, hold insurance cover and membership to a professional association.

Volunteers agree to maintain the good reputation of Garden House Hospice Care to the public and honour all confidential information.

CLINICAL FUNCTION

1. Obtain patient's or individual's consent to treat including NHS number and to adopt a holistic approach to care.
2. Report to the CT staff as part of the multi-disciplinary team in relation to workload.
3. In conjunction with the CT staff, to assess the individual's needs taking into account the patient's diagnosis, physical and emotional needs.
4. Provide a supportive role in symptom control, such as relieving tension, anxiety, pain and nausea.
5. Provide the patient with a beneficial, pleasant treatment after giving him/her a brief explanation about complementary therapies.
6. Evaluate and document the CT therapy session onto SystmOne.
7. To abide by own professional code of conduct with reference to confidentiality.

HEALTH AND SAFETY FUNCTION

1. To maintain the safety and well being of patients, relatives and staff in accordance with the Health and Safety Policy RM01.
2. To attend annual moving and handling training.
3. To report and record any accident/incident/near miss on the appropriate form.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

1. To attend study days and hospice education programme as appropriate.
2. To maintain own personal and professional development within complementary therapy in a specialist palliative care setting.
3. In return we provide induction training, supervision and reviews. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

This role profile will be reviewed and amended regularly and is not exhaustive.