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| <b>Role Title</b>      | <b>Speech &amp; Language Therapy volunteer – SLT department</b>  |
| <b>Where</b>           | <b>Some travel to clients homes: opportunities in Forest of Dean &amp; Stroud, depending on client &amp; volunteer location</b>  |
| <b>When</b>            | <b>As agreed with volunteer, ideally a regular commitment each month</b>   |
| <b>Commitment</b>      | <b>At least 12 days per year for a minimum of 6 months</b>   |
| <b>Accountable to</b>  | <b>Mike Walsh</b>  |
| <b>What we do</b>      | <p>2gether NHS Foundation Trust (2gether) provides specialist mental health and learning disability services to the people of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.</p> <p>Our priority is to deliver quality services and exceptional customer experience. Our purpose is to make life better.</p> <p>Our core values are as follows:</p>  <p>We expect our staff and volunteers share these values in order to create the best service possible.</p> |
| <b>Why we want you</b> | <p>We want to increase opportunities locally for quality volunteering roles.</p> <p>This would suit a volunteer who is looking to work with people with learning disabilities, work in psychology or speech and language therapy. It would be particularly suited to a student studying or applying to study Speech therapy or psychology or someone with a first degree in these areas.</p>   |
| <b>Role Tasks</b>      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use a standard observation form and training provided by SLT team to observe clients communicating once recommendations or AAC has been introduced by the SLT team</li> <li>2. Ask set questions of the carers and clients about their</li> </ol>  |

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|   | <p>levels of confidence, any training needs or queries</p> <p>3. Pass forms back to SLT for review</p>   |
| <b>Skills and attributes you will need</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Able to interact confidently with clients with a learning disability</li> <li>- Knowledge of Makaton an advantage</li> <li>- Polite, confident and thoughtful in interactions with clients and carers</li> <li>- Interest in communication and technology</li> <li>- Able to document questions to take back to SLT rather than giving advice themselves – aware of the limits of their volunteer role</li> <li>- Would need to travel to see clients in the community</li> <li>- Able to ask if unsure what they need to do – we might not know to check they are ok each time</li> <li>- Demonstrable understanding of communication and of making objective observations</li> <li>- Able to let us know of anything we can do that will make it possible for them to volunteer</li> <li>- Approx. 1-2 days month as required by clients</li> </ul> |
| <b>Most Challenging part of the role</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trying to observe clients without changing their behaviour</li> <li>- Recognising the limits of their role</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Training required and how often this will need to be completed</b> | <p>Mandatory training will be required in line with the Trust requirements. You should allow an additional 2 days a year on top of the role for this.</p>  |
| <b>How the Trust will support you</b>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The volunteer will be supported by the SLT team and in particular we will nominate a key point of access for them. The head of department will also be available to them should they have any issues</li> <li>- We will meet with them prior to working to check they are happy with what they are being asked to do</li> <li>- They can break tasks down into small sections or chunks of time if they need to</li> <li>- Any other adjustments can be discussed and will be supported as much as possible.</li> </ul>   |