

# Little Lions Therapy

Helping your child learn new skills, develop independence and build confidence.



## Volunteer Policy

### Introduction

Little Lions Therapy (LLT) aims to provide a child-centred, fun and therapeutic service to children who may be experiencing difficulties with their motor skills, independence and confidence levels. Volunteers make a vital contribution to these aims.

### What is the role of the Little Lions Therapy volunteer?

Little Lions Therapy aims to have a mutually beneficial partnership with our volunteers. Their involvement will assist us in developing and carrying out our sessions; Little Lions Therapy will provide our volunteers with opportunities to learn skills, achieve personal development and where appropriate, will contribute to work experience.

Little Lions Therapy volunteers are involved in:

- Helping with preparation, set up and take down of group sessions
- Assisting with group activities during the sessions
- Providing additional support to an individual child/children during activities, as directed by the Lead Occupational Therapists

Volunteers will complement, but not take the place of the agreed number of Occupational Therapists present in group sessions.

### How will volunteers be supported and supervised?

- All volunteers have an Enhanced Access NI Certificate for Little Lions Therapy
- All volunteers have an induction to the work of LLT, which will include an overview of policies, aims of the group and volunteer roles and responsibilities
- Volunteers will be expected to comply with all policies and procedures pertaining to LLT
- Volunteers will engage in activities throughout the group sessions as deemed appropriate and as delegated by the Lead Occupational Therapists.
- The tasks performed by volunteers will be clearly defined, to ensure the volunteer is aware of their responsibilities
- Volunteers will not have access to social media accounts, emails or child information e.g. registration forms

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## How will volunteers be recruited?

- Until review of this policy, volunteers will be individuals who are personally known to one or more members of the Little Lions Therapy team.
- All volunteers will be asked to complete a Little Lions Therapy Volunteer's Application/Registration form and provide their Enhanced Access NI Certificate
- The Little Lions Therapy team will determine the duration and timeframe for each volunteer's involvement with the groups (including number/date/times of sessions involved in, duration of volunteering period and cessation of same)

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