



Worcestershire **NHS**
Acute Hospitals NHS Trust



Worcestershire Oncology Centre Volunteering opportunities

Could you spare some time to help out in our brand new, state-of-the-art oncology centre?

Up to 50 volunteers are needed to help out in the café, the Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre, the Royal Voluntary Service shop and meet and greet patients.

From January 2015, Worcestershire Oncology Centre will offer radiotherapy to county cancer patients for the very first time. The department is fitted with brand new, state-of-the-art equipment, ensuring we are delivering the highest



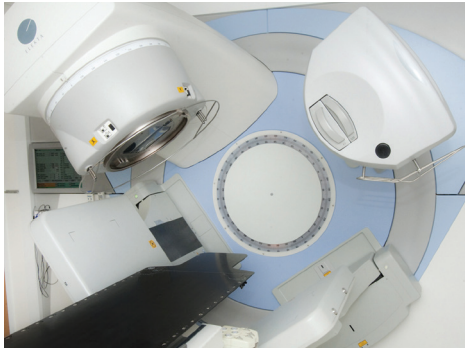
standards of care. It will also save Worcestershire patients from having to complete a daily commute of up to 80 miles for their treatment.

It's an exciting time to get involved!



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What is Radiotherapy?



- Radiotherapy is the use of very high energy x-rays to treat disease (usually cancer).
- It doesn't hurt. It's just like having a normal x-ray.
- It is usually only used to treat small areas of the body - there is very little dose to the rest of the patient, and no dose at all to those working in the department. Staff and volunteers are perfectly safe.
- Patients can attend between one to forty times, usually daily, so often build up an important relationship with both staff and other patients in the department. Volunteers are an important part of that support network!

"To serve a cup of tea or coffee and a treat, is a treat in its self, and a most enjoyable way of helping others."

- Coffee shop volunteer

"Being a volunteer is worthwhile when you can be here for someone who needs help or advice or just to talk."

- Val, volunteer at
Macmillan Cancer Information
and Support Service

"A smile and a friendly greeting can help diffuse a seemingly stressful day. Not just for the patient but also for us as volunteers."

- David, meet and greet
volunteer

Further information

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