

MS Society Setting up your MS Support service



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Top tip



Learning activity



Link to more information, tools or support



Procedure local groups must follow

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Introduction

This presentation is for anyone interested in setting up an MS Support Service.

It lets you know of any requirements and signposts you to sources of support and information.

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- our staff
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Find out what our Support Volunteers do:
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