

Wellbeing Facilitator MS Society Welcome and induction checklist

Welcome!

And thank you, we hope you enjoy your volunteering with us.

How to use this checklist

This checklist gives you some pointers for settling into your role and finding out about our work, the policies and resources in place to support you.

You can tick off each task as you go along. There's space to write any questions you might have as you complete it. The 'Sources of support' below shows who to ask for more information.

We recommend you complete your induction as soon as you can. This checklist will help you get started in your role but how long it takes to complete will depend on your availability.



Sources of support



Your staff contact is here to support you, answer questions about what you'll be doing, your learning and where you can get more information.



The Supporter Care Team is your point of contact for queries to MS Society departments. They can offer support and signpost you to the right person:

volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/supporter-care-team



Our MS Helpline provides support and information to anyone affected by MS, including you, our volunteer: www.mssociety.org.uk/ms-helpline



Other staff who can support you are listed on our volunteer website:

volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/staff-contacts





You'll need to attend our Induction Training before you can volunteer. Find out more from your staff contact.

We'll offer learning activities throughout your volunteering. Your staff contact will send you information ahead of time.

Welcome

Aim	Methods	Any questions?
☐ I'm clear about what I'll be doing	Agree which tasks you'll be taking on with your staff contact: volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/ resources/wellbeing- facilitator Refer to your brief for more information.	
☐ I'm aware of what learning and development opportunities are available	Discuss with the person who recruited you what skills you'd like to develop and your priorities for induction.	
☐ I can talk about what it's like to volunteer for us	Watch our Welcome Video and read our Welcome booklet: volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/ welcome-ms-society	

☐ I know what MS is, and I am able to explain how it affects different people in different ways	Everyone experiences MS differently. We have listened to what people affected by MS have told us. Find out more. Read about What is MS on the MS Society website: mssociety.org.uk/what-is-ms
☐ I know what we're striving to achieve	Find out about the organisational goals we are all working to: mssociety.org.uk/about-us/our- strategy
☐ I'm aware of our Code of Conduct and how to represent the MS Society	Visit Representing the MS Society on our volunteer website: volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/ representing-ms-society
☐ I can find the policies in place to support us	To find out the range of policies we have and what they cover, visit Policies and documents: volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/ policies
	See what policies you must read and understand as part of your role in 'Induction to my role' below.

☐ I know how to claim my expenses	Find out about Claiming expenses. You'll need to fill in your Expenses claim form.	
	Claiming expenses: volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/ claiming-expenses	

Induction to my role

Aim	Methods	Any questions?
☐ I am confident doing the tasks and activities I've agreed	Our Wellbeing Facilitator role is highly specialised. You'll need to attend our Induction training before you can volunteer. Attend the Induction training. You'll need to attend the whole course to complete your induction.	

☐ I can access and handle data so it's kept safe	You need to make sure the personal data you handle is processed in line with the Data Protection Act.	
	Discuss how to handle data safely and securely, and only for the purpose(s) agreed with your staff contact. Read the MS Society data protection policy and Handling data for more information.	
	Policy: volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/resources/861	
	Handling data: volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/handling-data	
☐ I will keep personal information given to me private	We're all responsible for ensuring confidentiality.	
	Read our Confidentiality statement for more information: volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/ resources/393	

☐ I understand and agree with our commitment to treating others fairly, according to their needs	We're committed to offering services and activities that are relevant, inclusive and accessible to everyone, preventing any form of discrimination. Discuss with your staff contact how we can meet our commitment. Read our Equal opportunities and inclusion policy and our Diversity position statement for more information. Equality opportunities and inclusion policy: volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/resources/366 Diversity Position Statement:	
☐ I know how to report a safeguarding concern	Abuse is rare. As a national charity, we must follow up on any concerns. You need to know our procedure on how to report a concern. To find out more, visit Safeguarding, where you can: • Watch our online presentation • Read the Policies (for England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland) volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/safeguarding	

☐ I know how to keep myself safe when volunteering on my own	We want to make sure you take every precaution when volunteering on your own. Find out about the range of ways to keep yourself safe. Read Lone volunteering on our volunteer website: volunteers.mssociety.org.uk /lone-volunteering	
☐ I can make sure I keep myself and others safe	We're committed to providing a safe environment for everyone. Discuss with your staff contact how to ensure your safety and the safety of participants on the day.	

If you have any feedback about this checklist, please email volunteering@mssociety.org.uk

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