**ECHC Zoo Volunteer**

**About Edinburgh Children’s Hospital Charity (ECHC)**

ECHC is the charity that supports hospital and healthcare settings for children across the Lothians. We fund enhancements, provide distractions, support families and so much more. We aim to make the time that children spend in hospital that little bit easier, less scary, and more fun.

**Volunteer Role Description**

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| Role Title | Zoo Volunteer |
| Purpose of Role | To support a Facilitator to visit RHCYP wards to deliver activities to children and young people. |
| Location | RHCYP |
| Hours | 12.30-3.30, weekly, Wednesday/Thursday |
| Tasks | * Accompanying the zoo facilitator by visiting children and young people on the hospital wards and delivering activities based on a weekly theme (e.g. birds, mammals, fish, reptiles) * Supporting with materials – cleaning materials between use is required. * Liaising with staff members regarding infection control * Advertising the sessions and identifying children and young people who would like to join in * Supporting children and young people to engage in the activities * Contribute to evaluation at end of session |
| Supervision | Reports to Children’s Wellbeing Officer |
| Person Specification | We are looking for calm, friendly, approachable volunteers with the following skills and experience for this role:  Essential:   * Excellent communication skills * Calm, friendly, playful, and approachable in nature * Flexibility – willingness to perform a variety of roles/tasks * Reliable * Team player * Enthusiasm for all things animals   Desired:   * Experience supporting children, young people & families * Experience in supporting facilitation of educational activities   There is a minimum age requirement of 21 for this role  A PVG Disclosure check will be required for this role |