

**Research Volunteer for Hospital Transport Project:
 Delivered by Community Impact Bucks on behalf of Healthwatch Bucks**

Healthwatch Bucks is the independent consumer champion created to gather and represent the views of the public. Healthwatch Bucks plays a role to make sure that the views of the public and people who use services are taken into account, and works to help local people get the best out of their local health and social care services. We are seeking a Research Volunteer, who is passionate about making a difference, to undertake a short term project assessing the issues associated with hospital parking and community transport, and to produce a report with recommendations on the way forward. The project will involve liaison with Buckinghamshire hospitals, reviewing relevant reports, and identifying other workable solutions in the UK.

Aim of role	To assess the current situation regarding community transport in relation to hospitals, identifying issues and proposing solutions on the way forward, producing and presenting a report identifying findings and recommendations.
Reporting to	Services Manager- Communities/Services Director (Community Impact Bucks).
Start date	ASAP
Assignment length	20-30 working days. Flexible on how these are worked, but a minimum of one day a week is envisaged to ensure project continuity.
Location	Office in Monks Risborough or home-based
Main tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify the viability of a hospital “blue badge” type scheme for community transport drivers allowing them privileged status for parking – reducing stress for community transport drivers and patients • To identify and comment on any further opportunities to improve the hospital parking and community transport relationship • To identify key partners and decision makers in the hospital and community transport field • Develop a database of contacts for Healthwatch Bucks • To estimate the costs of any potential solution • To identify flaws and risks • Outline steps required to turn proposals into a reality.
Skills/Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project management skills • Strong analytical skills • Ability to research • Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal • Proactive • Active interest in local community.
What we can offer you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance your profile and CV • Identify transferable skills

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use your years of experience to work in the not-for-profit sector and support the local community • Be instrumental in solving a national community challenge • Boost your morale and make new contacts • All reasonable out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed.
Additional information	The project will entail meeting with representatives from hospitals in the Buckinghamshire area, and also liaising with other hospitals in the UK which have identified workable solutions - so some travel may be required.
Get in touch	If you think this fantastic opportunity could be for you, please contact Diane Rutter on 0300 1111250 or email diane@communityimpactbucks.org.uk

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