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The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare is recruiting **Green Space for Health - Nature Recovery Ranger**

- Location: Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, Northwood, London
- Full time: November 2022 to November 2023
- Salary: £30,000 pa (plus contributory pension)

We are looking for an inspiring Nature Recovery Ranger to improve the quality of green spaces in and around Mount Vernon Cancer Centre and optimise the role green space plays in patient care, staff wellbeing and community engagement.

About Us

The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare inspires and empowers people to transform healthcare for a sustainable future. We collaborate with partners inside and outside healthcare to engage professionals, patients and the wider community in understanding the connections between health and environment, and to reduce healthcare's carbon footprint.

Our Green Space for Health Programme helps to realise the value of green space for physical and mental health, both at healthcare sites and in the wider community. We support and encourage NHS sites in developing their green space for the benefit of patients, staff and communities, while also improving biodiversity and combatting climate change. To find out more about our work, see the [NHS Forest](#) website.

In 2021, we began embedding [Nature Recovery Rangers](#) to develop programmes of green space activities and community engagement at specific NHS sites. To find out more about the rangers and what they do, watch our short '[Ranger Video](#)'. This position builds on work carried out at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, with funding provided by East and North Herts Hospital Charity.

About the Role

As a Nature Recovery Ranger, you will work with the East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust, acting as an advocate for nature and the benefits it offers for physical and mental wellbeing. You will identify barriers to green space use and influence behavioural change through a programme of nature related projects and knowledge sharing.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Working with CSH, NHS and partners to develop and maintain a programme of work, with the overall aim of improving green spaces and optimising their role in the healthcare setting.
- Promoting engagement in the programme and facilitating participation from different groups including patients, healthcare staff and local residents.
- Leading on practical projects and events, to implement green space enhancements and improve accessibility. Including operationalising health and safety arrangements, managing tools and resources.
- Building strong relationships with estates and facilities teams, and encouraging the long term management of the NHS estate as biodiverse and accessible green space.
- Facilitating the monitoring and evaluation of the programme. Sharing learning and encouraging best practise amongst stakeholders.
- Acting at all times in accordance with your responsibility to safeguard the health and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults.
- Being willing to undergo DBS checking.

About you

We are seeking an outdoor conservation professional who is driven to help others connect with nature. Ideally you will have the following skills and experience:

- The initiative and ability to design a programme of work which promotes inclusivity and has long lasting benefits.
- Good background knowledge of wildlife and nature recovery, preferably in the context of urban sites.
- Practical experience of habitat management and/or horticulture.
- Experience in organising and leading engagement activities, and ensuring the safety of participants.
- An understanding of initiatives to improve wellbeing.
- Great communication skills and the enthusiasm to act as an ambassador for the programme, to influence behavioural change.
- The ability to work both independently and collaboratively, and to build strong working relationships.
- The ability to cope with working in an environment that can be emotionally charged.

Location

The post will be based at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, Northwood, London, and will require travel throughout the local area covered by the project. There may also be occasions when the ranger will be requested to travel to Oxford for team meetings,

and/or take part in other site visits, for which travel expenses will be reimbursed. We encourage the use of sustainable travel where this is feasible and meets with Covid-19 restrictions.

To apply please email your CV and a cover letter, explaining how your skills and experience match this role, and including the details of two referees, to info@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk

- Closing date: midnight on Sunday 30 October 2022
- Interviews: w/c Monday 7 November 2022
- Proposed start date: Monday 21 November 2022 or asap thereafter

For any questions, please contact info@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk