



## Volunteers' Roles & Responsibilities

The following roles and responsibilities are applicable for a **121 Volunteer Befriender**.

- To befriend a young person, referred to 121, at various locations in and around the local community.
- To meet the young person as agreed on a regular basis for a minimum period of six months – 1 Year. The meetings will take place as convenient to both the young person's and your own lifestyle and commitments.
- To give individual time and attention to the young person, and to offer, where possible, new experiences and activities.
- To maintain regular diary sheets.
- To attend support meetings and assessment meetings as required.
- To attend required training including information on safeguarding children, establishing appropriate boundaries, befriending, lone working, the roles and responsibilities of you as volunteers, confidentiality and managing behaviour.
- To only claim expenses as agreed with 121\*.
- To report directly to the Project Co-ordinator or Project Manager.
- To adhere to VAWK Child Protection and Confidentiality policies and remember that the safety and welfare of the young person are paramount.
- To observe VAWK Equal Opportunities policy and to respect peoples' differences without prejudice.
- To carry the identification badge provided by 121 whilst with the young person.

\*Currently – Fares or petrol expenses at the current rate (£0.40 per mile) are paid from the Befrienders' house to the house of the young person and back. Also included is any mileage incurred whilst transporting the young person to a destination agreed with the young person, e.g. to the cinema or a local park. A further £10 per month is payable, against a receipt, towards an activity done with the young person.

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