

## Service name

Families in Mind

### **Parent and Families group volunteer**

This role involves supporting staff to deliver our mental health and wellbeing support through our parent support service, Families in Mind. Co-facilitating online and in person group sessions to support people who use our service to improve their mental health and wellbeing.

# Because the role involves working closely with vulnerable people, we need to take up two references and a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

#### What's involved?

Volunteering a minimum of 2 hours a week alongside the Families in Mind team to help with one or more of the following:

- Support people who use our service to take part in our drop-in or online group sessions.
- Practical help making refreshments and ensuring a welcoming atmosphere for parents.
- Support through individual conversation in the group.

#### What we ask for

- That you are practical, caring, considerate of others, empathetic and patient.
- That you are a confident communicator with good listening skills.
- Knowledge and experience or involvement with parents and early childhood would be welcome.
- Understanding or lived experience of mental health needs, this is not essential for the role.
- Would be committed to being part of the service on a regular basis.

## How we help our volunteers and benefits

- Welcome you to West Sussex Mind with a package of training and information needed to carry out the role.
- You will meet new people, have the opportunity to learn new skills and to take part in regular in-house training.
- We will reimburse pre-agreed expenses in line with West Sussex Mind's policy.
- We will check-in regularly to ensure you are enjoying your volunteering role.

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