

Job Description and Person Specification

Job Title: Minibus Driver

Hours of work: 14 or 21 hours per week

Reporting to: Joint Day Centre Managers

Responsible for: No direct reports, however the ability to supervise volunteer passenger

assistants during journeys is essential

Annual Leave: 10 or 15 days per annum depending working hours per week

Location: Vehicle based at Greenford Community Centre, Greenford

A job description is a written statement reflecting the main requirements and essential characteristics of the job. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of the duties a post holder might be called upon to perform.

Job Context

Age UK Ealing's mission is to promote the wellbeing of all older people in Ealing and empower them to achieve full quality of life. We provide a range of support services for older people in the London Borough of Ealing including Information and Advice Service, Well-being Day Centre, Befriending, Digital Inclusion and Community Gardening Services. We also manage the Greenford Community Centre, where our office and services are based alongside a range of other community activities.

Purpose of the role

To drive Age UK Ealing minibus in a responsible and competent manner, ensuring the safety of the passengers, other road users, members of the public and yourself at all times.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Driving Age UK Ealing vehicle
- Responsible for the safety, comfort and welfare of the passengers
- To provide good quality transport service to older people
- Carry out driver's daily and weekly vehicle checks, and to carry out basic maintenance including oil and water levels check, tyre pressures etc.
- Report any vehicle defects, faults, incidents and accidents promptly
- Be responsible for the cleanliness of vehicle, inside and out and ensuring the vehicle is in a clean and roadworthy condition before and after use

- Refuel vehicle as required
- Maintain accurate records of vehicle usage
- Maintain accurate records of the older people using the service each day
- Maintain and help to promote the good name of Age UK Ealing
- Work uniform must be worn always and kept in a clean and tidy condition
- Work within health and safety guidelines and other guidelines of Age UK Ealing that may be issued from time-to-time
- Work within the limits and guidelines as directed by management
- Compliance with the Age UK Ealing policies and procedures including finance, health
 & safety, safeguarding, data protection and to promote equality, diversity, and inclusion
- To undertake other duties of similar kind and corresponding with the role as requested
- Plan alternative road routes to and from pickup and drop off points when necessary and keeping the line manager informed of any majors changes as soon as possible
- Attend relevant training courses as identified and agreed, this may include Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme (MiDAS) training and First Aid at work

Person Specification

Essential

- Hold a current, clean and valid driving licence D1 unrestricted or D1 restricted (car licence obtained prior to 01/01/1997)
- Good knowledge of the Borough of Ealing
- Able to maintain accurate vehicle and user records
- Able to undertake daily and weekly vehicle checks and carry out basic maintenance
- Reliable and punctual
- Pleasant and approachable personality
- Ability to help and support vulnerable people during journeys
- Able to communicate effectively with a wide range of people including service users, their families and carers, staff and volunteers etc.
- Ability to work on own initiative and as part of a team
- Honest, reliable and trustworthy
- Able to maintain confidentiality
- Flexible approach to working arrangements.
- Sensitivity to the needs of older people
- Willing to undertake training as appropriate
- Willing to undertake additional training to enhance the services delivered

Desirable

- MiDAS trained
- PCV licence holder

Age UK Ealing is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of older people. Consequently, a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Certificate will be required for this post.

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