

STUDENT COUNSELLOR PLACEMENT (HOME BASED, UNPAID)



13%

of adults diagnosed with brain cancer in England survive 5 years or more (average across all cancers is 52%)

34

people in the UK are diagnosed with a brain tumour every day

Our challenge

Brain tumours do not discriminate and they do not respect boundaries. They can strike anyone, at any age. And they strike quickly.

At The Brain Tumour Charity, we aim to address the clear gap in emotional support available to those affected by a brain tumour diagnosis, by expanding our counselling service. We know the difference that talking therapy can make to the brain tumour community and our goal is to reach more people, ensuring everyone that wants it, gets the support that they need.

How can you help?

We are in a position to offer a number of unpaid student placements, to those training to be integrative or person centred counsellors, which will see you volunteer via telephone/webcam from home, with a wide range of clients; from those newly diagnosed, to those at end of life, carers and bereaved loved ones.

We're looking for students who:

- Are in their 2nd year of studying for the Level 4 Counselling Diploma (or equivalent).
- Have been signed off as 'fit to practice' by their tutor and have already accrued at least 30+ client hours in another placement.
- Are student members of the BACP (or equivalent) and work in line with their ethical framework.
- Are prepared to attend mandatory monthly group supervision provided by The Charity and committed to meeting all supervision requirements outlined by their ethical body.
- Have their own public liability insurance (or are willing to obtain this).



ABOUT THE BRAIN

TUMOUR CHARITY

We are the world's leading brain tumour charity and the largest dedicated funder of research into brain tumours globally. Committed to saving and improving lives, we're moving further, faster to help every single person affected by a brain tumour. We're set on finding new treatments, offering the highest level of support and driving urgent change. And we're doing it right now. Because we understand that when you, or someone you love, is diagnosed with a brain tumour – a cure really can't wait.

- Will be committed to following our safeguarding processes and will only work within their limits of proficiency.
- Will observe confidentiality in line with their ethical framework and The Charity's organisational policy.
- Have the capacity to work autonomously and IT abilities to be able to maintain appropriate and accurate records on our counselling database.
- As this is a home-based role, you will need access to a telephone and computer that you are happy to use for this service.

The Brain Tumour Charity is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in all aspects of our organisation. We particularly welcome applications from individuals belonging to minority ethnic groups, LGBTQ+ communities, people with disabilities, and other underrepresented communities.

What can you gain from volunteering?

- You'll have the opportunity to work towards the clinical hours required for your course.
- You will receive training, ongoing support and management supervision from the Counselling Service Manager.
- You will receive 1.5 hours per month of group supervision with a clinical supervisor.
- We will complete any necessary paperwork and reports needed for your placement records.
- All diary management will be carried out by our Counselling Team, reducing the amount of admin required by you.

Time commitment

We ask each student to commit to a placement of at least 6 months and to see a minimum of 3 clients per week (at a time suitable for you, but it MUST be at the same time each week). The service operates between the hours of 9am–5pm, Monday–Friday and you will be required to see clients within these hours.

Practical considerations

Shortlisted applicants will be asked to attend an interview with our Counselling Service Manager and Counselling Service Officer.

Successful candidates will then receive a full induction to The Brain Tumour Charity and any specific training for the role, as well as ongoing support from one of the team.

We will carry out reference and DBS checks for all successful applicants and you will be required to complete some internal data protection and disclosure documentation before commencing the placement.

Need support with the application process?

We are committed to being inclusive and recognise that there may be a number of ways we could support you through the application process. If there's any adjustments we can make to help you fully engage in the process, don't hesitate to let us know by getting in touch with the Volunteering Team on volunteering@thebraintumourcharity.org



I always feel valued as a volunteer and the team are fantastic at giving feedback and support, making my role as a volunteer very rewarding.

A current Counselling Assessment Volunteer

INTERESTED?

If you're ready to apply, please complete our online application form [HERE](#) by 9am on Monday 22 September 2025.

If we receive a high volume of applications, we may close the role early, so we'd encourage you to apply at your earliest opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact the [Volunteering Team](#).