

# VOLUNTEER COUNSELLOR (QUALIFIED)

**THE  
BRAIN  
TUMOUR  
CHARITY**

**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?

As a Volunteer Counsellor for this service, you would work with a wide range of clients who either have a brain tumour diagnosis themselves, or have a loved one who has been diagnosed. This includes patients/carers who have been newly diagnosed, to those in/post treatment, to people at end of life, or bereaved.

This is a remote service, where we offer up to 8 free sessions to clients, delivered by either telephone or webcam.

## We're looking for counsellors who:

- Are qualified with a minimum of a Level 4 Diploma in Counselling.
- Are integrative or person-centred counsellors.
- Are a member of the BACP (or equivalent ethical body).
- Are committed to attending monthly clinical supervision.
- Have an interest in working with people affected by a brain tumour and possibly experience of working with clients in a similar field. (Eg. Neurological conditions, palliative care, bereavement, etc).



**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.

- Have the IT abilities to be able to maintain appropriate and accurate records on our counselling database.
- Have experience of working remotely, via telephone or webcam and are happy to use their own laptop, phone and WIFI for their client work.
- Have their own public liability insurance (or are willing to obtain this.)

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?

- The opportunity to work with a unique and rewarding client group.
- Management supervision and regular, ongoing support from our Counselling Service Team.
- You will receive a financial contribution towards your monthly clinical supervision, with an independent supervisor of your choice.
- All diary management will be carried out by our Counselling Team, reducing the amount of admin required by you.
- The opportunity to apply for paid counsellor roles as and when they become available.

### Time commitment

We ask each Volunteer Counsellor 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](mailto: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](#).