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The Role of Ambulance Volunteers in Reducing Health Inequalities

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Ambulance Volunteering

- 20,000 volunteers in the UK ambulance sector.
- People from our communities giving back through volunteering.
- Community first responders.
- Other clinical roles.
- Volunteer car drivers.
- Community engagement & training volunteers.
- Welfare & Chaplaincy volunteers.

Why volunteers?

- They have unique insights into communities because they are part of them.
- They can share their insights and understanding with us.
- They have an opportunity to open conversations which could support improved health and wellbeing during their volunteering activities.



Volunteer stories

- CFR schemes connecting with GP services.
- Singing for health.
- Combatting loneliness and social isolation.

Health inequalities – feasibility study

- Out of hospital cardiac arrest and health inequalities.
- Funded by NHS Charities Together.
- Community based public access defibrillators.
- Community first responder volunteer schemes.
- Community based initiatives addressing OHCA health inequalities.



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