

WELLBEING SERVICE

VOLUNTEER COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIST ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role: **Volunteer Complementary Therapist**

Accountable to: **Services Support Manager/ Centre Co-Ordinator**

Overall objective:

To provide a service as a member of the Complementary Therapy Team and practise the therapy (or therapies) which have been agreed, in accordance with the policies of Cancer Support Yorkshire.

Knowledge

- 1 Be able to demonstrate a sound understanding of complementary therapies, in particular the therapy or therapies which they are qualified to practise.
- 2 Be committed to developing skills and knowledge related to the care of patients with active, progressive and advanced disease.

Practice

- 1 Provide a holistic approach to patients and their carers, in collaboration with the other members of the multidisciplinary team, to ensure provision of the highest quality of care.
- 2 Be competent in the practice of the agreed therapy, and committed to continuing professional development.
- 3 Be aware of the patient's diagnoses, treatment, care and current condition.
- 4 Be aware of contraindications or precautions in relation to the therapy practised, and be able to adapt treatments accordingly.
- 5 Complete the required documentation.
- 6 Provide feedback, including reports of any adverse effects, to the Complementary Therapy Lead.
- 7 Participate in an induction programme and any other training, support or clinical supervision activities which may be arranged.
- 8 Abide by any relevant and current protocols for the practice of the specific therapy or therapies.
- 9 Abide by the policies relating to the practice of complementary therapies, patient care, and volunteer practice.

General

- 1 Respect the confidentiality of any information held in relation to past or present patients, staff and administration of the organisation.
- 2 Abide by the Health and Safety Policies of the organisation.
- 3 Observe the no-smoking policies of the organisation.