



Here are the key details about our accommodation packages for healthcare volunteering at Skanda Vale Hospice.

ELIGIBILITY

To ensure we can provide consistent, quality care, we ask that clinical volunteers::

- Have a clinical background (as a Registered General Nurse, Carer, or other clinical role)
- Are already eligible to volunteer in the UK for the full duration of their intended stay (we are unable to provide visa sponsorship)
- Hold a valid driving licence and have access to a vehicle (the hospice is a 25-minute drive from the accommodation, and public transport isn't available)
- Can commit to the schedule below

YOUR COMMITMENT

The kind of care we offer only works when the people giving it are present often enough to truly know our patients and each other. We ask every clinical volunteer for:

- A minimum of twelve shifts per year, after completing initial training. That's enough to become a familiar, trusted presence — not a visitor.
- Shifts in blocks of two or more days within the same week. Working consecutive days is how you build relationships with patients and find your rhythm within the team.
- No more than three months between visits. Longer gaps mean what you've learned starts to fade, and you effectively need to start again.

Within those parameters, you can build a schedule that fits around your other work and personal commitments.

SCHEDULED RESPITE WEEKS

Our inpatient respite service runs for a full week once a month, from Tuesday to Monday. You can volunteer for the whole week, or for a block of two or more consecutive days within it.

Our respite weeks are scheduled a year in advance. When you apply, we'll share the full calendar and ask which weeks or weekends work for you.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

You'll stay at Skanda Hafan Guesthouse, where each room offers:

- Private en-suite facilities
- Practical amenities including microwave, fridge, kettle, and desk space
- Fast WiFi for remote working or keeping in touch
- For those who prefer a more community-focused experience, limited accommodation at Skanda Vale Ashram may be available on request

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Lunch is provided each day at the hospice
- If staying at Skanda Vale Ashram, all meals are included
- Self-catering facilities are available at Skanda Hafan Guesthouse for breakfast and evening meals
- Freshly laundered uniforms are provided
- We cover your travel costs at 45p per mile (up to £25 each way)

EXTENDED RESIDENTIAL STAY

For those drawn to a more immersive experience, we offer extended residential placements, living within the Skanda Vale community and volunteering regularly at the hospice. Get in touch and we'll tell you more.

NEXT STEPS

If you'd like to take the next step, or if you have any questions, please get in touch.

- Email: volunteers@skandavalehospice.org
- Phone: 01559 371222

USEFUL LINKS:

Skanda Hafan Guesthouse: www.skanda-hafan.com
Skanda Vale Ashram website: www.skandavale.org
