

## Job Description

Job Title	Grade/Salary
Retail Assistant	National Minimum Wage
Accountable to	Responsible for
Superstore Manager	Volunteers

### Job Purpose and Role

The Retail Assistants support the store to secure the retail sales and income targets and contribution from the Teesside Hospice Superstore are met.

To exceed customer expectations by delivering high quality customer service. To adhere to all Teesside Hospice policies and procedures. To work closely with the Superstore Management team and support the effective day to day running of the business. To contribute to the further development of the store. To adhere to all Teesside Hospice policies and procedures.

This is a pivotal role in ensuring the operational excellence is achieved across all departments in store and maintained.

The Retail Assistant has a responsibility to actively contribute to Teesside Hospices published ambitions for the future and strategic objectives.

### Main Duties and key result areas

General duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist the Store Management team in achieving the shop income and expenditure budgets and to generate maximum profits through the effective management of the shop.</li> <li>Be part of the stores sales team to maximise sales profits by setting and maintaining standards of merchandising, stock control and customer care.</li> <li>Ensure that all sales targets and results are communicated and that all volunteers are aware of, understand and are working to meet/exceed the agreed targets.</li> <li>Ensure maximum stock availability through effective control of stock flow into the shop. To ensure the maximum price point for all stock items and to present the highest standard of shop merchandising and visual layout. To ensure stock is aligned to seasons and window display is themed. Continually review rotation, quality and replenishment of stock to maximise sales.</li> </ul>
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- Present and maintain the agreed quality standards required to ensure the effective operation of the shop including compliance with Trading Standards regulations.
- Provide direction and support to volunteers to actively promote Gift Aid to maximise contributions from donations.
- Prepare and complete all shop administration inclusive of cash handling and banking to the highest standard, accurately and on time, always adhering to Company Policies and procedures.
- Ensure all security and Health and safety policies and procedures are adhered to provide a safe and secure shop environment for staff and customers.
- Plan and organise daily workload throughout the shop in a way that ensures efficient customer service and a profitable operation.
- Ensure all company policies, shop standards and operating procedures are communicated effectively to staff/volunteers and maintained and followed through in a consistent manner.
- Actively participate in two-way communication sharing and exchanging relevant and appropriate information with the Superstore management team, Head of Retail and admin team.
- Working in partnership with other departments to promote all aspects of the work of the Hospice.
- Communicate Teesside Hospice services to the shop team and the local community.
- Charity Shop Retail Assistant you may be asked to work in other shops or other duties as required.

## Delivering to our Values

### Accountable

- Able to justify actions or decisions
- Takes personal responsibility for their actions
- Able to describe the impact of their work in a way others understand
- Welcomes feedback as an opportunity to grow and develop

### Trustworthy

- Working collaboratively with beneficiaries, colleagues, partners and supporters
- Being authentic and transparent
- Trusted to respond to needs and deliver what is expected of us
- Projecting a professional image that engenders trust

### Principled

- To adhere to professional and clinical standards
- Maintain appropriate boundaries and relationships which are built on trust and honesty
- Avoid and speak out against any actions, or behaviours, that conflict with our values or could cause harm to any stakeholders
- Demonstrate strong moral principles which embody Teesside Hospice's vision and bring our values to life
- Do the right thing even in difficult situations, and always endeavour to work effectively and efficiently to maximise results and service

### Skilled

- Having and showing the knowledge, ability or training to work well
  - Seeking opportunities to learn from a wide range of sources
  - Contributing to the provision of excellent, safe and effective care no matter what your role is in the organisation
- Ensuring that the treatment, support and services we offer are effective

### Compassionate

- *Feeling or showing kindness and concern for others*
- *Able to empathise with people who dealing with a terminal illness*
- *Being kind in use of language and behaviour*
- *Caring for others who need our support and help*



**Better Health**  
at Work Award  
Silver Award



### All employees are expected to:

- Live the Hospice's values so that the highest standards of patient and customer care can be achieved.
- Be committed to diversity and inclusion of all, promote and improve service standards, so that excellence in all that we do is perused through continuous improvement.
- Contribute to development of and strive to meet departmental, team and individual targets
- Participate in the staff appraisal and development scheme, one to one performance discussions and attend identified training to ensure continuous learning and improvement
- Comply fully with the Code of Conduct, health and safety requirements, legislation, regulations, policies and procedures
- Attend meetings or provide services outside of the usual working hours where reasonably requested to do so
- Have an overall understanding of the risks and implications associated with the requirements of the role and takes appropriate action to mitigate any potential consequences.
- Embrace digital ways of working to help improve efficiency and save costs to the Charity.
- Respect privacy and dignity at all times.

The duties outlined in within this document are not exhaustive and other duties may be expected in line with the level of the role at the discretion of the Head of Service. Teesside Hospice reserves the right to amend the job description at any time.

I have read and understand the duties required for the role.

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....

**Print name** .....

## Person Specification

Attribute	Detail	Essential or Desirable
<b>Skills &amp; Abilities</b>	Excellent people skills and the ability to form and maintain relationships with customers, volunteers and colleagues	<b>E</b>
	Ability to manage a team	<b>E</b>
	Excellent communication skills	<b>E</b>
	Ability to plan ahead	<b>E</b>
	Evidence of excellent customer service skills	<b>E</b>
<b>Knowledge &amp; Experience</b>	Experience of working in a retail environment	<b>E</b>
	A good understanding of data protection and confidentiality	<b>E</b>
	Cash handling and electronic till experience	<b>E</b>
	General administration skills	<b>D</b>
	Knowledge of Health & Safety	<b>D</b>
	Experience of using social networking	<b>D</b>
<b>Education &amp; Qualifications</b>	Good standard level of education	<b>E</b>
	NVQ in Retail Customer Service	<b>D</b>
<b>Personal Attributes/ Key skills</b>	Ability to work as part of a team	<b>E</b>
	Ability to always remain calm and professional	<b>E</b>
	Ability to work with minimal supervision, taking responsibility for your own work	<b>E</b>
	Flexible and positive attitude to all aspects of work	<b>E</b>
	Target driven	<b>E</b>
<b>Other</b>	An understanding of, and empathy for, the work of Teesside Hospice	<b>D</b>
	An understanding of the work of charity shops	<b>D</b>
	Experience of working with volunteers	<b>D</b>