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| Volunteer Role | ASN Host |
| Team | Host Team |
| Time Commitment | 1 to 12 overnights per year depending on client need and host availability. |
| Length of Role | Indefinite |
| Location | Home based (Liverpool, Birmingham or Essex) |

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| Role Description |
| ASN hosts provide accommodation in their homes to ASN clients who need a place to stay overnight before, during, or after their procedures. ASN hosts are responsible for collecting a client from the clinic (public transport is fine), bringing her home, providing a meal, and bringing her back to the clinic in the morning. Clients sometimes travel with a support person.  The bottom line is that an ASN host provides someone with a meal and a comfortable, restful place to stay. To be a host, you need a place a guest can sleep and the willingness to create the space in your life for this direct-action work. Being a host requires a particular kind of dedication. It is not the most regular experience – you can go six months without hearing from us and then get four requests in two months, or you may get a request a month. Receiving a request does not obligate you to be available – but don’t worry, we will explain how it all works. Volunteer hosts aren’t called upon often but when you do host, the experience can be both intense and rewarding.  Here are a few things you must ask yourself if you are considering volunteering:  1) Am I prepared to put up a stranger in my home, someone who may be very different from me? Am I able to make or buy dinner for them?  2) Are those I live with supportive of the idea?  3) Am I reachable during the day? (Coordinators call at that time)  4) Am I able to get to a clinic to pick up someone who is waiting for me, and accompany them back to my home (public transport fine)?  5) Do I always honour my commitments?  6) Am I generally open, trusting and friendly with strangers? Do people usually like me upon first meeting me? |

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| Skills/Knowledge/Experience |
| There are no essential skills or knowledge required for this role although if you have experience of working with vulnerable or at risk people and/or an easy going nature that’s a bonus. You do, however, need to have a spare room, a sofa bed, or an air mattress in an untrafficked part of your home (e.g. the sofa in the common area is not ideal), and live within a 30 minute commute of the bpas clinic in Liverpool or the MSI clinics in Birmingham or Essex. Location info here:  [Bpas Liverpool](https://www.bpas.org/clinics/bpas-merseyside/)  [MSI Birmingham](https://www.mariestopes.org.uk/clinic/marie-stopes-birmingham-centre-edgbaston-calthorpe-clinic)  [MSI Essex](https://www.mariestopes.org.uk/clinic/marie-stopes-uk-essex-centre-buckhurst-hill-greater-london) |