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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) |

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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  Location info here:  [Bpas Liverpool](https://www.bpas.org/clinics/bpas-merseyside/) |