

Role Title	Parent Peer Support Volunteer
<b>Overview of role</b>	Parent Peer Support Volunteers offer support to other parents of children with cancer. All of our Parent Volunteers have children who have been treated for cancer in the past. This service is also available to other adult family members, such as grandparents, uncles, aunts. Each support session typically lasts 40 minutes.
<b>Tasks involved in role</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a listening ear to other parents of children with cancer. Each Support session typically lasts 40 minutes</li> <li>• Take part in training as well as support and supervision</li> <li>• Provide feedback to the Survivor Support Coordinator</li> <li>• Maintain and record any necessary information required.</li> </ul>
<b>Skills and Experience Needed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be parent of child that has been diagnosed with cancer.</li> <li>- It must be minimum 2 years since the child has had treatment but no more than 7 years.</li> <li>- Fathers and young parents are particularly encouraged to apply</li> <li>- Strong communication skills</li> <li>- Kind, empathetic and understanding approach</li> </ul>
<b>Time Commitment Needed</b>	Parent Peer Support Volunteers are asked to commit this is role for a year minimum. There is flexibility in how often each parent offers a support session. Each support session lasts 40 minutes typically. There is potential for this role to include visits to St. John's Ward, Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin.
<b>Location of Role</b>	This is a remote volunteer opportunity. Parent Peer Support Volunteers provide phone support to other parents. There is potential for this role to include visits to St. John's Ward, Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin.
<b>Supervision</b>	Parent Peer Support Volunteers are coordinated by Deirdre Murphy, Survivor Support Co-ordinator.
<b>Training</b>	All volunteers will be asked to complete an online training module, Children First training as well as taking part in an online group training hosted on Microsoft Teams.
<b>Expenses</b>	Reimbursement for travel expenses and other out-of-pocket expenses upon provision of a receipt.
<b>Benefits</b>	This is an opportunity to use your experience to help and support other parents in a similar position.
<b>Physical requirements</b>	There are no physical requirements for this role and we encourage people of all abilities to apply.
<b>No Smoking Policy</b>	The Irish Cancer Society operates a no-smoking policy and the volunteer must not smoke in the office or when on Society business outside the office.
<b>How to apply</b>	To apply for the role of Parent Peer Support Volunteer, please complete an online application form. Applicants will be invited to complete an interview. As part of our vetting process, reference checks and garda vetting are also required.