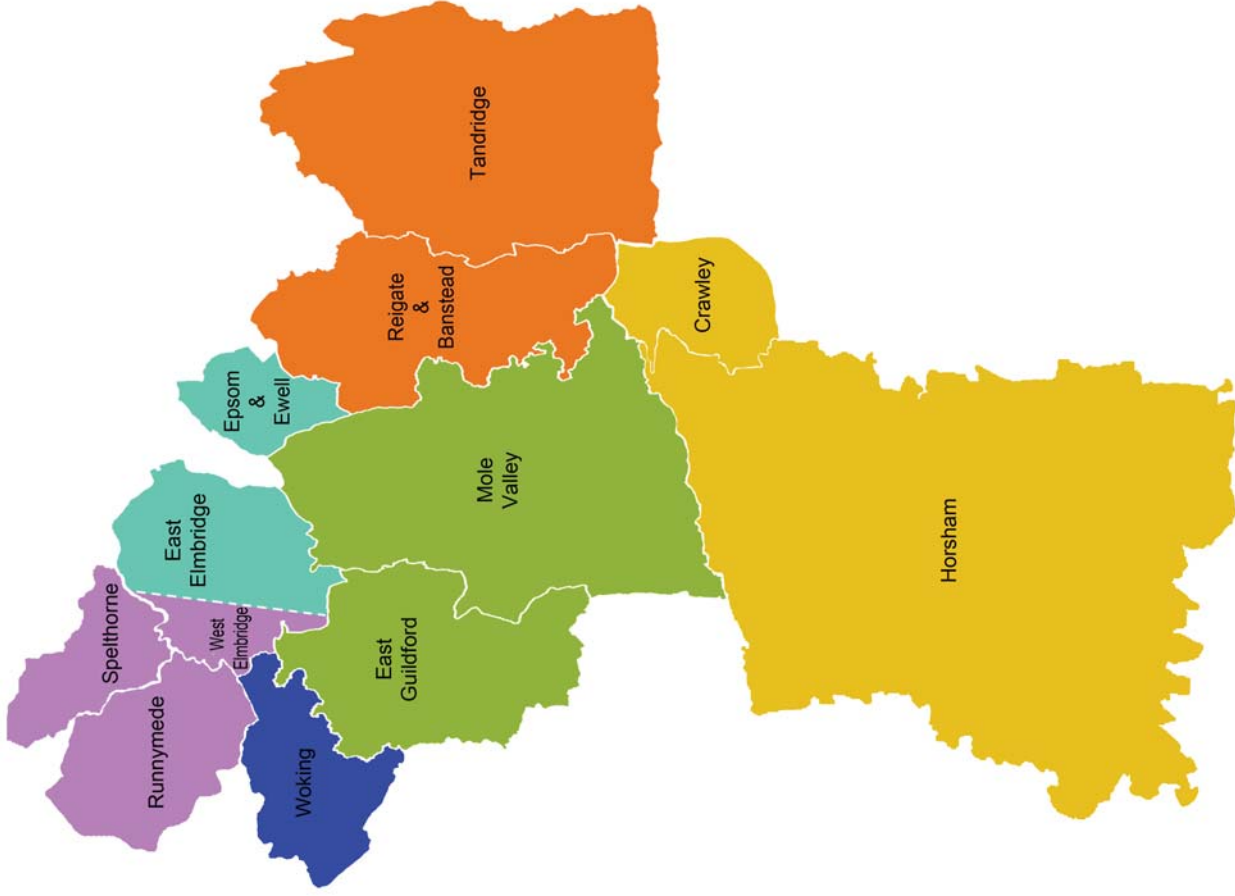


Area covered by our service



The Brigitte Trust
Support for people facing life-threatening illness



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How can a Brigitte Trust volunteer help you?

Brigitte Trust volunteers have provided emotional support and practical help to clients with life-threatening illness, their carers and families for over 30 years.

The service, normally for three hours per week, is flexible according to the needs of the client.

The service may be accessed during and after a course of treatment or surgery, where the health or wellbeing of the client or carer is poor, where support is needed to sustain a caring role, and towards the end of life. Bereavement support of up to six months is also available to the family.

Practical help may include transport to appointments or out shopping, home tasks and social visits. Carers say they greatly value the opportunity for a weekly respite break.

In providing emotional support our volunteer will be sensitive to the individual and cultural needs of each person supported, with confidentiality maintained and respected.

Who is a Brigitte Trust volunteer?

Our volunteers come from a wide range of backgrounds. All are required to attend an intensive training course, as well as monthly supervision and ongoing training. All volunteers have undergone full DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks.

Volunteers are not trained or insured to offer nursing or personal care.

Brigitte Trust volunteers are totally reliable and a wonderful support to the patient and to their families.

A District Nurse

Who can refer to the Brigitte Trust?

We welcome referrals from individuals, hospices and health and social care professionals. We would however need to speak to a health professional such as a District Nurse or GP before proceeding with direct client referrals. To use our service please call 01306 881816. Should your call not be answered immediately please leave a brief message.

What happens when I contact the Brigitte Trust?

An Area Organiser will call between 24 and 48 hours and follow up with an assessment visit. If appropriate a volunteer will be offered. The Area Organiser will review the needs of the client and the continuing involvement of the Trust on a regular basis.

How is the Brigitte Trust funded?

The Brigitte Trust is a registered charity partially funded by Macmillan Cancer Support and Clinical Commissioning Groups. The remainder of our costs are met through grants, donations, legacies, Trusts and other fundraising activities.

Our service is always free of charge, although a donation to the Trust will enable us to continue to train volunteers and provide this valuable service.

It is helpful having our volunteer...just knowing she will be with us every Tuesday and that she knows us so well...we don't have to keep telling someone new the whole story, which can be so exhausting.

A Brigitte Trust Client