



Surrey North Area Cruse Bereavement Care BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TRAINING 2019 INFORMATION

Cruse Bereavement Care

Cruse Bereavement Care is the leading national charity for bereaved people. We offer advice, support and information to children, young people and adults when someone dies and work to enhance society's care of bereaved people.

The three-day Bereavement Support Foundation course

The aim of the course is to provide the participants with the awareness, skills and knowledge needed to begin working with bereaved people.

This is an intensive course, in which all trainees will be required to play an active part. Painful memories may be aroused and, for this reason, applicants who have suffered a close bereavement in the last two years may not be suitable for the course.

The two-day Face-to-Face elective

This module directly follows on from the three-day foundation course and is compulsory for volunteers wishing to provide face-to-face bereavement support to adults.

Course information

Venue:

[Ashford Hospital](#) Education Centre,
London Road, Ashford
TW15 3AA

Course Administrator:

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Course Programme (9:00 for 9:15am start, ending no later than 4:30pm) Attendance at all of these sessions is compulsory	
Saturday 12 th January 2019	Foundation course – day 1
Saturday 19 th January 2019	Foundation course – day 2
Saturday 2 nd February 2019	Foundation course – day 3
Saturday 9 th February 2019	Post-Foundation course interview + Safeguarding
Saturday 16 th February 2019	Face-to-Face elective – day 1
Saturday 23 rd February 2019	Face-to-Face elective – day 2
Saturday 9 th March 2019	Client day + Induction
Saturday 16 th March 2019	Sudden and traumatic death
(Saturday 30 th March 2019)	(Bad weather safety day)

Computer literacy requirement

Much of the course work is sent and received by email so you must have access to and experience of using email and attachments. Written work must be submitted in .DOC (Microsoft Word compatible) format. Cruse also has a simple web-based database which all our volunteers are required to use.

Pre-Foundation course interviews

All applicants are requested to come into our office in Chertsey to meet with us and discuss their background, our work and the role of a bereavement volunteer. The dates are Saturday 17th or 24th November 2018 at the Cruse office, 6 The Sainsbury Centre, Chertsey, KT18 9AU.

After completion of the Foundation course

Upon successful completion of the initial three-day Foundation course, a post-course interview will then take place. Cruse will apply for a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check for every successful applicant before they begin working with clients.

Volunteering time commitment

Estimated minimum time commitment of a bereavement volunteer working with clients is:

- 2 clients (2 hours per week)
- Personal notes and data input (1 hour per month)
- Supervision (2 hours per month)
- ABM (4 hours per year)
- Ongoing training (>15 hours per year)
- Travel time

Course fees

Rate for those intending to work as bereavement volunteers for Cruse. Includes all dates listed in course programme (above).	£250
Rate for those intending to work as bereavement volunteers for Cruse having fee paid by employer or other commercial organisation. Includes all dates listed in course programme (above).	£250 + VAT
Rate per day for professionals wishing to use our training for continuing development.	£140 + VAT

Following any offer from Cruse, a full non-refundable payment is due after seven days to secure your place on the course. Financial assistance based upon need may be available – please contact the Course Administrator.

Applying to join the 2019 intake

Please complete an application form which is downloadable from [our website](#) as soon as possible.

More information is available on [our website](#) or by contacting the course administrator.

