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Supported Volunteer Policy

1. Belvoir Vale RDA offers our disabled child and adult participants the opportunity to volunteer with the organisation as supported volunteers.
2. A supported volunteer is a volunteer who, because of a disability, requires additional support to be able to carry out the role of volunteer.
3. To comply with our health and safety, and safeguarding policies, supported volunteers must be supervised whilst volunteering with Belvoir Vale RDA. This is to ensure the safety of the supported volunteer.

4. This requires either a Belvoir Vale RDA coach or experienced volunteer, as designated by a Belvoir RDA coach, to supervise the supported volunteer whilst they are onsite at Belvoir Vale RDA.
5. To ensure that this is capable of being delivered alongside the primary aim of providing riding and carriage driving sessions, all of which require coaches and volunteers, supported volunteering requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the availability of coaches and/or volunteers to support.
6. On occasion, supported volunteering sessions may be cancelled at short notice where there is insufficient coach and/or volunteer cover to safely offer the session.
7. Supported volunteers must be aged 12 or over for insurance purposes.
8. Additionally, supported volunteers aged 12 – 14 years will require the support and supervision of a parent or carer for the duration of each volunteering session. This is to ensure the safety of the young, supported volunteer.
9. Supported volunteers aged 15 and over may need the support and supervision of a parent or carer for the duration of each volunteering session subject to the discretion of a Belvoir Vale RDA coach.
10. Supported volunteers aged 12 to 14 will be limited to a maximum of 2 hours per volunteering session.
11. Supported volunteers aged 15 and over may undertake longer sessions at the discretion of a Belvoir Vale RDA coach.
12. All volunteers will be given training and are required to complete the green card scheme to certify that the required elements of training and experience have been completed. Parents and carers accompanying those aged 12 to 14 are welcome to undertake this

training alongside the child supported volunteer or to simply assist the child to achieve the elements.

13. The capacity and capability of the supported volunteer to undertake any aspect of the volunteering role will be assessed on an individual basis by a Belvoir Vale RDA coach. Examples include side walking and leading in sessions.