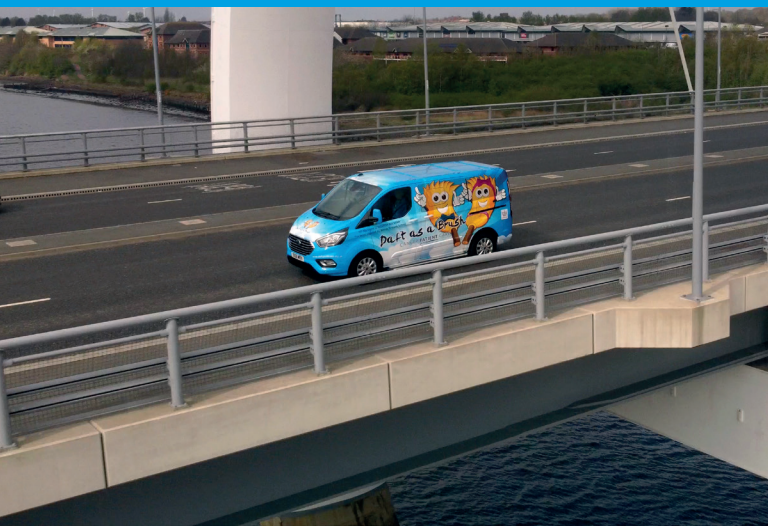


Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care provides free transport to and from hospital appointments for patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiotherapy. The charity is powered by 300+ passionate and dedicated volunteers, many with a close association to cancer who offer a friendly, reliable and comfortable service throughout each patient's journey to recovery.

The charity completes thousands of patient journeys each year and is funded entirely through public donations and community fundraising.



Get help, give help or join us  
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Volunteer  
Driver  
Helen



### Do you know someone who would like to be a volunteer for Daft as a Brush?

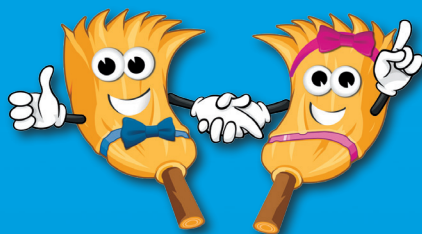
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We're reaching out for volunteers to help cancer patients travel to and from hospital.

Drivers and Patient Companions urgently required!

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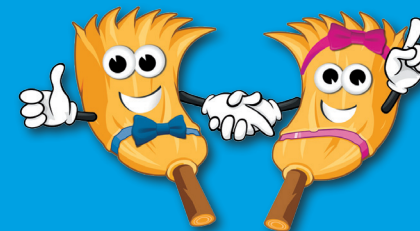


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Complementary, trouble-free transport to and from the hospital, specifically designed for cancer patients.



This document describes what you can expect from the service should you choose to use Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care.



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## What we offer

- We will collect you from your home and take you to the hospital, usually arriving around 15 minutes before your appointment.
- The ambulances are manned by a volunteer driver and companion, they are there for your safety, comfort and to assist you as required.
- The service starts and finishes at your front door. The companion will accompany you to hospital reception, ensure you are booked-in and make arrangements for meeting up afterwards.
- When your treatment is complete the team will be waiting to take you home.
- DAAB has dedicated parking at the hospital. You may bring a partner or friend with you for company.
- If you need assistance getting medicines from the hospital pharmacy we can help to collect them.
- The service is completely free.



## Practical information

- Our volunteers are fully vetted with references and enhanced DBS checks. They aim to make the experience as smooth as possible. They are not medically trained.
- For your safety and comfort, please follow the instructions of the volunteers such as the wearing of seat belts and waiting for the companion to open ambulance doors etc.
- Any accompanying people, minimum age 18, must also follow the legal requirements.
- The ambulances are equipped with wheelchairs for your use. There are two steps up to enter the ambulance, these can be a challenge for people with limited mobility. The volunteers are here to assist.
- We work hard with the hospital to manage appointment times for your benefit and on occasion there may be two or three patients travelling together.

## How does it work?

- Your Consultant or Radiographer will ask you how you intend to travel to the hospital. There are three options:
  - Own transport
  - Hospital transport
  - Daft as a Brush transport
- To use the service you must be referred to DAAB by the NHS Trust, this ensures the hospital knows your mode of transport. Ask your consultant or the treatment planner and they should provide the referral.
- Once referred to us, we will receive your appointment schedule and call you to confirm the start date and to make sure that we understand your needs. Please raise any questions or concerns you may have at this point.
- The evening before, your driver will give you, or the agreed person, a call before 7pm to confirm your pick-up time and arrangements. Let the driver know if you have any additional requirements such as an earlier arrival or consultant review and if you are bringing someone with you.



Volunteer  
Driver  
Peter



Patient  
Companion  
Philippa



Volunteer  
Driver  
Dave