



care
inspectorate

**Become
a young
inspection
volunteer**



We inspect care and social work services to make sure they are high quality and meet the needs of people who use them. We believe we can make care better by working with people who have a personal experience of those services.

Is this you?

We're looking for young people with a personal experience of care. So, if you have used a care service, you could be just who we are looking for. You don't have to have qualifications – personal experience is what counts. You must be aged between 16-27 to apply.

How we work together

Your personal experience gives you a unique insight into care. You will join us on inspections to talk to children and young people using services. We know that they are more likely to share their honest views with you, because of your similar experience. You can make sure their views are an important part of the inspection and are included in the inspection report.

We will support you to be a young inspection volunteer and try to match you with services best suited to your experience. We will offer you training and work closely with you to support you in your work with us. We will pay your expenses and if you have specific needs, we will do our best to support you with these too.

What will you do as a young inspection volunteer?

- Take part in inspections of individual services and local authority areas.
- Talk to children and young people using services and record their views and opinions on the service they are getting.
- You may run focus groups to find out what children and young people think of their service.

- Meet with managers to find out how well children and young people are involved in developing and improving services.
- Help us with our corporate parenting duties.
- You may write a summary of what you found, for the inspection report.
- You will get training and support to do all of this.

What happens when you apply?

We will meet with you to talk more about the role and find if we are a good fit. We will ask for some references and do some checks to make sure the role is suitable for you. Once all the checks are complete, we will provide training and you will go out on shadow inspections so that you know what to do and have the skills to thrive in the role.

What we value

At the Care Inspectorate we value, celebrate and fully embrace equality, diversity, inclusion and belonging for everyone.

We want to increase the diversity of our volunteer workforce. We would especially welcome applications from those who are care experienced disabled, from the lesbian, gay, bisexual, non-binary, trans and questioning (LGBTQ+) community, from a minority ethnic background, males (we have a lot of female volunteers) and young carers.

Want to find out more?

Get in touch with us if you need to know more to help you decide if you'd like to apply. We're waiting to answer any questions you have.

Call Julie Brown, our Involvement Adviser on **07501 681 493** or email **julie.brown@careinspectorate.gov.scot** to find out more.



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