**Role Description - Volunteer Driver**

**The purpose of the role**

To provide transport for visually impaired service users to and from the home to various locations including sight-related hospital appointments, club meetings and appointments at The Sight Centre.

**Skills and requirements**

* An empathetic approach to the needs of visually impaired people.
* Punctual and reliable.
* Use of a car and a full UK driving licence
* Valid MOT certificate and road tax
* An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) is required as the work involves working with individuals who may be vulnerable. This will be carried out by iSightCornwall.
* Good overall health

**Practicalities**

* Volunteers should ensure passengers are collected in good time, driven safely and comfortably to their destination and returned home (as required).
* Ensure passengers are as comfortable as possible by helping clients from their front door to the car and offer assistance in getting into and out of the car.
* Passengers should be escorted into their destination venue and someone should be made aware that they have arrived, before you leave.
* Drivers should be willing to place aids and equipment into the car safely on behalf of passengers.
* Cars should be clean, tidy and uncluttered.
* Drivers must keep an accurate record of all trips made.
* Drivers need to be aware that some trips may involve driving at night.

**Benefits for volunteers**

* Fuel costs are reimbursed by the charity. Further details are given in the Volunteer Drivers handbook