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**RE: Volunteering to become a mentor/befriender at OSCAR Birmingham**

Dear Applicant

Thank you for showing an interest in becoming a volunteer mentor or befriender for OSCAR Birmingham.

OSCAR Birmingham have successfully been awarded a grant from BBC Children in Need to develop an exciting 3 year mentoring and activity based project. This project is aimed at children and young people aged 5-18 years from the Birmingham area living with the illness, condition and traits of Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia.

The project will involve recruiting and training mentors, befrienders and peer mentors to provide a wide range of out of school activities, mentoring support and workshops throughout the year in order to:

- Reduce isolation
- Improve self-esteem and well being
- Develop new skills

As part of the recruitment process you would need to complete the application form attached. Please use the role description in order to help support your application.

We will contact you once we have had the chance to assess this. You will be invited to attend an interview. Please note that this volunteer role is subject to an enhanced criminal records check through DBS and satisfactory references.

The one quality that we are looking for in volunteer mentors is reliability and honesty. To get the most of your mentoring and befriending experience and support children and young people living in Birmingham and with a life limited condition, you need to offer a regular commitment overall several months. You will be supported in order to carry out this role at OSCAR Birmingham.

I look forward to receiving your completed application.

Yours Sincerely

Hobby Rahman

Youth Development Manager