

Could YOU be a *Bloodrunner*?



The **Essex Voluntary Blood Service** –
or Essex Bloodrunners for short, is a charity
providing medical courier services
to the NHS and our local Air Ambulances.
We are one of 30 such organisations in the UK.



From the NHS Blood Bank at Basildon, our unpaid volunteers deliver blood and blood products to A&E Hospitals in Essex and East London; deliver samples for analysis to a NHS Lab in North London, and via Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow, supply blood to the Air Ambulances at Earls Colne and North Weald every night. Amongst many other tasks we also courier breast milk from donors to the Hearts Milk Bank and Addenbrooke's Hospital.

We operate every weekday night, and day and night shifts at weekends and Bank Holidays. Our enhanced support to Hospitals during the Covid-19 pandemic has also introduced a weekday daytime shift. We now need more members. You choose in advance the days and shifts you work. We are looking for reliable and responsible men and women from all backgrounds, employed or retired, with a motorcycle, car or van, a mobile phone and internet access. You will receive training, documentation, full support and a hi-viz uniform jacket.

You will work alone on a delivery run with a typical round-trip distance from home of between 60 and possibly over 120 miles, and be the face of Essex Bloodrunners to the public and NHS staff. The work is not glamorous; can be tiring; you may work unsocial hours in all weathers and you will add thousands of miles to your vehicle. You are unpaid and cover all your own expenses... so not much going for it really!

However, rather like being a First Aider or Blood Donor, this is one of the very few ways that an ordinary member of the public can help **SAVE A LIFE**.

Most of you reading this piece will think “sounds good, but not for me”, which we quite understand, but just one of you may wish to enquire further. If so, see our website at:

EssexVoluntaryBloodService.com

AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION