**Support Worker required in Ipswich (IP1)**

**to support young boy on weekends**

**16 hours per 4 weeks**

**£10.80 hour**

**Job description:**

Listed below are the details of the purpose of the job and what tasks are involved. It is important and advisable to refer to this when submitting your application for the post.

**About the role:**

We are seeking a Support Worker for our four-year-old son, he has autism and is non-verbal. He requires a Support Worker to take him out to enjoy different activities.

He is a happy little boy in his own little world, who loves going out and about. Days out would involve doing fun things; going swimming, to the zoo, farm parks, and soft play to name just a few. We would also very much welcome new ideas for places to go! Support will always be out and about in the community.

He loves water, sand, and tickles. He does need to be watched carefully to be safe and requires a buggy/ harness.

The right candidate will be kind and caring, with a good sense of humour; experience in a similar role is preferred, but this is not an absolute necessity, the right attitude an approach is most important.

The Support Worker(s) will be responsible to both parents, and me (mum) as their employer. We would expect his Support Worker to come to us with any concerns or sensitive situations, and remain mindful of confidentiality.

**General duties and responsibilities will include:**

* Driving him to and attending places within the community
* All aspects of support; personal care, assistance with food and drink
* Keeping him safe while out and about

**Person specification** Listed below are the skills, competencies and qualities that are essential and desirable for the post.

**Desirable**

* Previous experience in a similar role
* Experience with non-verbal Autism

**Essential**

* Driver with own car
* Good communication skills
* Respectful
* Trustworthy and honest
* Friendly with a good sense of humour
* Patient

**Additional points to consider – smoking/ mobile phones**

Respectful smokers would be accepted, i.e. no smoking in the car, the main concern is that it does not affect their work or my sons environment. I also expect my employees to be sensible and respectful with their use of mobile phones, i.e. used in emergencies or for taking photos of the day.

**Summary terms and conditions**

* The rate of pay for this position £10.80 per hour.
* 16 hours per 4 weeks; but to be arranged in blocks for days out; (i.e., 8 hours every 2 weeks, but this can be discussed)
* The annual holiday entitlement for this position will be equivalent to the work normally done during 5.6 weeks (statutory entitlement)

**The post is subject to the following:**

* Satisfactory DBS check and references from two referees, one of which must be your current or last employer
* Completion of a satisfactory probationary period of 4 months

**How to apply:**

If you wish to apply for this position, please complete submit an application to Suffolk Independent Living.

<https://www.suffolkindependentliving.org.uk/application-form-1> (quoting the reference number 4849)

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