

Carer(s) required in Strumpshaw

- approx. 14 hours available per week (potential job share) -
- to include **Saturdays & Sundays** -
- shifts are 8.30 am to 3.30 pm & 2.30 pm to 9.30 pm * -
- £12.50 per hour -

Closing Date: until required hours fulfilled

Job description

Below are details of the purpose of this job and what's involved. It is important and advisable to refer to this when submitting your application for the post.

Purpose: To care for a woman in her home living with advanced Parkinson's disease. To make sure she is always safe, and all her needs supported.

About me: I am a 70-year-old woman living with Parkinson's, I have limited mobility and need 24-hour care. I live at home and have a number of carers – some through an agency and some I employ directly.

I take great pride in my appearance, and love to wear nice clothes. I need you to help me stay clean & tidy, and to support my personal hygiene & continence needs.

I am finding it increasingly challenging to eat, and the majority of my nutritional needs are now provided via my RIG (PEG). You will need to set this feed up for me, and also administer my medication via the RIG too, full training will be provided. I still love to try nice food when I can manage it - I am vegetarian, so it's important to take this into account.

I like to spend time at home and in my garden, and enjoy buying plants and flowers. I have a good sense of humour, I like to spend time with friends, and enjoy going out and about when I feel up to it. I have a mobility vehicle, which accommodates my wheelchair, so it will be useful if you can drive.

I have two lovely cats who need to be looked after as well as me. I also need you to help me keep my home clean & tidy.

I am looking for people with the right values, who will treat me with the respect and understanding I deserve. I find speech increasingly challenging too, so I need you to listen well & have patience.

Two people act as Power of Attorney for me, they follow my wishes, organise payroll, and will answer your questions.

Person specification

Listed below are the skills, competencies & qualities for the post. My assessment of these, both on application and at interview, will be the main factor in determining if you are successful. Please refer to these when submitting your application.

Desirable

- Previous care experience/an understanding of Parkinson's Disease
- Driving licence
- Experience of using RIG (PEG) and manual handling

Essential

- Kind and caring nature
- Good communication skills
- Empathy

Summary terms and conditions

- The rate of pay for this position is £12.50 per hour
- You will be reimbursed for any agreed expenses incurred as part of the role
- There are approx. 14 hours available to be worked per week, but there will be more available to cover holidays/absence as required
- The days of work will include Saturdays and/or Sundays
- *These are the times currently available, but please state your overall availability on your application form as others may also be needed;

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					8.30am-3.30pm	8.30am-3.30pm
					2.30pm-9.30pm	2.30pm-9.30pm

- The annual holiday entitlement for this position will be equivalent to the work I would normally expect to be done during 5.6 consecutive weeks.

The post is subject to the following:

- Satisfactory DBS check
- References from two referees, one of which must be your current or last employer
- Completion of a satisfactory probationary period of 3 months

How to apply: If you wish to apply for this position, please complete the enclosed/attached application form and return to the address below.

NB - Please ensure you include names, addresses & telephone numbers of two referees, one of which should be your current/ last employer (if relevant)

Email: suffolk@silmail.org

Telephone: 01473 603876

Post: SIL, IP City Centre, Unit 9, 1 Bath Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP2 8SD

Online form: <https://www.suffolkindependentliving.org.uk/application-form-1>