**Carer required in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk**

**4 hours available per week**

**£12.21 per hour**

**Job reference: 5097**

**Job description**

*Although this job description is correct at present, it may change from time to time after negotiation with the post holder.*

*Must have the right to work in the UK to apply for this role, sponsorship not available.*

**Job purpose**

You will be looking after a happy go lucky 7-year-old boy who has autism and needs assistance with eating, drinking, washing, dressing and maintaining a safe environment around him. He is physically able, always on the go and very active. However, he does not speak or understand the things you say to him, although he will respond to very simple, basic information and instructions. He will direct you to what he wants, especially where the cookies and savouries are kept in the kitchen! He has a lot of sensory needs and likes to feel things.

We are looking for a carer who will enable us to go out as a family with his 2 brothers and have a social life while knowing our son is being looked after. We’d also like help after school on days where we have plans. The ideal candidate will give our son their full attention when they are with him, although mobile phones will be allowed to take important calls. Previous experience caring for children who have special needs would be beneficial.

**Main Duties and Responsibilities:**

* Assisting with personal care (this includes supporting with double incontinence)
* Assisting with eating and drinking
* General supervision
* Going out for a walk where possible
* Engage in activities of his choosing

**Personal Specification**

*(refer to these when submitting your application)*

**Essential Criteria**

* Experience looking after children with special needs
* Qualification in paediatric basic life support
* Reliable and honest person

**Desirable Criteria**

* Driving licence
* Qualification related to supporting people with autism
* Reliable and honest person

**Summary terms and conditions**

* Hours, days and times of work: Days and times will be pre-arranged as per your availability as we are flexible. We’re usually looking for hours to be covered between 3:30pm to 7:30pm on weekdays, however the times will be different during school holidays but will depend on your availability
* Pay rate: £12.21 per hour
* Annual leave: The annual holiday entitlement for this position will be equivalent to the work normally done during 5.6 weeks (statutory entitlement).
* Expenses: You will be reimbursed for prior agreed expenses incurred as part of the role.
* Sick pay: I do not operate a private sick pay scheme but provided you meet the eligibility criteria, you may be entitled to Statutory Sick Pay (SSP).
* Pension: I do not operate a private pension scheme but I will fulfil my statutory obligations via the [NEST](https://www.nestpensions.org.uk/schemeweb/nest/about-pensions.html) pension scheme.

**The post is subject to the following**

* Background check: A satisfactory Enhanced with Barred List(s) Disclosure and Barring Service check is required for this position.
  + *If you have been convicted of a criminal offence, please send these details to SIL in a separate email or in a sealed envelope together with a stamped addressed envelope. This will not be shared unless you are shortlisted for the post.*
* References: If successful, you will be required to provide details of two referees, one of which must be your current or most recent employer, or character references if you have not been employed
* Trial period: This post is subject to a probationary period of 3 months.

**How to apply**

If you wish to apply for this position, please complete an **application form** and return it to SIL, quoting the job reference number **5097.**

**Please refer to the job description.**

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

**Email**: [suffolk@silmail.org](mailto:suffolk@silmail.org) **Telephone**: 01473 603876

**Post - Address**: SIL, Unit 21, IP City Centre, 1 Bath Street, Ipswich, IP2 8SD