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

**to support young boy (2:1) on weekends**

**6 hours per 4 weeks (2 x 3hr sessions) x 2 positions**

**£10.80 per 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 six-year-old son, he has autism and is non-verbal. He requires a Support Worker to take him out to enjoy the community and activities. The main activity will be swimming as this is his favourite.

He is a very cheeky, extremely energetic, and very adventurous. He needs specialist equipment (harness and buggy) to keep him safe as he has no danger awareness.

The right candidate will be kind and caring, with a good sense of humour; experience with autism is essential for this role as they will need to be able to manage challenging behaviour.

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

**Essential**

* Driver with own car
* Experience with Autism and challenging behaviour
* 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.
* 2 positions available x 6 hours per 4 weeks; 2 x 3hr shifts
* 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, complete the online application form on Suffolk Independent Living’s website (quoting the reference number 4850).

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

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