**Direct Payments – Personal Assistant (Carer)**

Number of Hours per week: 3 hours per week

Hourly Rate: £12.50

Contract: Permanent

**About Direct Payments**

The Council provides social care for people who need support at home or in the community and they can choose to receive their support in different ways. One way of doing this, is for the Council to give the person the money (direct payments) so that they can buy their own support, which they can use to employ a Personal Assistant (carer). The Personal Assistant will **NOT** be employed by the Local Authority but by the person (or their representative) in receipt of care.

**Job Advert: About Me**

I am an 11-year-old male who lives in Blaenau Gwent with my family.

I am looking for a Personal Assistant (PA) to support me for 3hrs per week.

I have a diagnosis of ASD and since birth I have been diagnosed with Vacterl Syndrome which is a complex condition that affects various parts of my body.

I am unable to communicate verbally however I do communicate using a tool called Widgit Symbols.

I would also require support with personal care.

I am an active young boy with lots of energy, I would like my PA to have lots of fun with me. I enjoy going to McDonalds and love going to soft play centres. I would require my PA to be able to drive so they could take me to these fun places.

On times I can become distressed in the car, and I can hit out when I become anxious. It is important to me that my PA uses gentle words and hand signals that I understand to reassure me.

I would need a PA who has knowledge and experience of supporting children with additional needs. A PA who is kind, caring, understanding, calm and confident. I have no sense of danger or road awareness so I will need to have constant supervision.

I would like someone to also continue to build my confidence when I go out in the community and to assist me to develop my social skills, support me with social awareness and encourage me to develop my independent skills.

**Benefits**

* Casual dress
* 5.6 weeks Holiday Pay per year

**Requirements – what is important to me.**

* Knowledge and experience of children with additional needs
* You must be able to drive, have a clean driving licence and have your own vehicle.
* You will require to have Business Car Insurance to undertake the role.
* You need to have the right values and behaviours to work in social care.
* You must respect my privacy and always maintain a professional approach.
* You must be honest, trustworthy, and reliable.
* You must have an Enhanced DBS check for this role (Local Authority can arrange this).

**How to Apply**

If you think you are the right person to support me but would like more information before you decide to apply for the role, please contact Direct Payment team on 01495 369624 quoting reference number 608694.

Alternatively, you could email us at the following email address: -directpayments@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk