**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 a 13-year-old female who lives in Blaenau Gwent with my family.

I have a diagnosis of Autism, Global Developmental Delay and a Learning Disability.

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

I would require my PA to drive as I enjoy going to the park, playing at soft play centres, attending the cinema, going bowling, and going for a walk around the shops. I also enjoy going to McDonald's and Costa Coffee.

I would like my PA to have knowledge and experience of supporting children with additional needs. A PA who understands autism and a PA who is kind, caring, understanding, calm and confident.

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
* Knowledge and experience of supporting children with Autism.
* You must have your own vehicle, be able to drive and have a clean driving licence.
* 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 2227606

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