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

Number of Hours per week: 4 hours per week (2x 2hr sessions)

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 15-year-old male who lives in Blaenau Gwent with my family.

I have a diagnosis of ASD; and I have limited communication.

I am looking for a Personal Assistant (PA) to support me for 4hrs per week, I would like the support to be twice a week for two hours sessions.

I would require my PA to drive as I don’t often leave the house so would like a patient and experienced PA who can introduce me to new interests and experiences by helping me build confidence accessing the local community and sometimes further afield.

I am an avid gamer who enjoys playing online games, but I would also like to start accessing my local community and amenities, helping me to find new interests outside of the home and increasing my social interactions.

I would need 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.**

* You must be able to drive, have a clean driving licence and have your own vehicle
* You will require to have Business Car Insurance in order 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 523496.

Alternatively, you could email us at the following email address: -[directpayments@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:directpayments@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk)