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

Number of Hours per week: 6 hours per week (2 x 3hrs sessions)

 Increase to 10 hours per week over the school holiday’s

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

I have a diagnosis of ASD and ADHD, and I would require support with personal care I am unable to communicate verbally however my skills are progressing and I am able to understand and follow simple instructions.

I am looking for a Personal Assistant (PA) to support me for 6hrs per week, and I would like this to be for two 3-hour sessions.

My required support would increase over the school holidays to 10hrs per week, I would be happy to increase my sessions to 3 days per week over the school holiday period.

I am a very active young boy with lots of energy, I would like my PA to have lots of fun with me and be able to keep up with me as I enjoy climbing and love going to soft play centres. I would require my PA to drive to be able to take me to these fun places.

I would need 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.**

* 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 3084808.

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