

Relief Support Workers– job description

We are seeking to recruit flexible Support Workers to provide support for a bright 10-yr old boy in a family environment.

This is a part time role. Sundays 08:30-17:30 and Wednesdays 16:30-20:30 as the second support worker. The successful applicant will be required to provide cover for annual leave and sickness if available.

Our client attends a school for children with special needs. He has additional one-to-one support at school due to the complexity of his needs.

Our client is wheelchair dependent and is a bright, intelligent and happy young man. He uses eye gaze communication but he can communicate his needs by signs and non verbal communication.

Training will be given

Our client requires an extensive therapeutic program to help maximize his physical and emotional well-being. He has support at home, both from parents/family members.

The role will involve/the responsibilities of the Support Worker/Buddy will be:

- Being responsible for the safety and well-being, including all personal hygiene needs, of the client
- Providing support in the client's home after school , weekends and school holidays, to assist with all daily living activities, including assisting with age appropriate activities aimed at supporting our client's needs
- To work on a physiotherapy programme under the Supervision and guidance of a chartered paediatric physiotherapist
- To work on an active programme of support to include a range of activities
- To support recommendations made by the occupational therapist and incorporate into daily routine
- Follow manual handling assessments
- Promoting the integration and inclusion of the client within the classroom environment
- Facilitating/enabling the client to participate in as many of the curriculum related activities and tasks as possible
- Working closely with school staff and providing regular feedback to the class teacher
- Being familiar with the therapeutic programme prescribed by the Treating Therapists and carried out at home, so that there is continuity of approach between home and school

- Maintaining a written record of the client’s day, and key activities and events of the day at home and school
- Handover/communication to parents or other home-based carer’s as necessary
- Maintaining the confidentiality of the family whilst at work or in school
- Attending meetings with the other members of the directly employed care team, as called by the case manager, likely to be held on a monthly basis

PERSON SPECIFICATIONS

Essential:

- Demonstrate a high quality of verbal and written communication skills
- Previous experience of working with children
- Demonstrate awareness of risk
- Evidence of enabling skills and ability to encourage independence
- Must have a positive attitude
- Must have a good sense of humour
- Must demonstrate ability to work confidently alone and as part of a team
- A high level of mental and physical stamina
- Must demonstrate a high level of organisational and administrative skills
- A Full UK driving licence

Desirable:

- Previous experience of working with clients who have a brain injury/learning disability
- Previous experience of working one-to-one in a client’s home/educational or community setting
- Previous experience of rehabilitation and working with therapists

This is by no means an exhaustive list and there are other areas, which will become apparent as time goes by.

Please acknowledge that you have received the Support Worker Job Description outlining the responsibilities of a Support Worker which will be discussed in more detail as part of your training.

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