

## Carer required in Ipswich, Suffolk

**6 hours available per week**

**Flexible schedule**

**£13.50 per hour**

**Job reference: 5028**

*Must have the right to work in the UK to apply for this role, sponsorship not available.*

### Job description

*Although this job description is correct at present, it may change from time to time after negotiation with the post holder.*

### **About me**

I am an 11-year-old boy looking for a kind, patient and open-minded carer who is willing to learn about and support me. While at home, I need someone to look after me for a few hours while my mum works or does household chores. However, I also need someone to provide support with outings. You will need to have a driving license and be comfortable with driving an automatic car as you may have to do the occasional school run if my mum is unwell. You should also be a confident swimmer as you will be joining us at the pool! We are a busy household and have one cat, so you will need to be comfortable around animals. With the right person, we hope to develop a level of trust where you can join us on holidays, although this will not be mandatory. On the occasions when we are out and I need to go home or for a drive to calm me down, you may need to stay with my older sister. Once we get to know each other better, you may be asked to stay with me instead during these situations.

### **Main Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Watch me while at home while I'm in the garden or around the house
- Provide support with outings
- Driving our automatic car in case my mum is unwell
- Joining us at the pool, so you should be a confident swimmer
- Potentially joining us on, an all-expenses paid, holidays
- Doing the occasional school run if my mum is unwell

### **Personal Specification**

*(refer to these when submitting your application)*

### **Essential Criteria**

- Must be able to drive an automatic car
- Should be fit enough to keep up with me and safely support me when swimming
- Patient and kind
- Have a safe restraint qualification/training
- Good communication skills and able to communicate effectively in English
- An open mind and a willingness to learn about my conditions and needs

- Must respect our family's privacy. This means not taking or sharing photos of our children, family, home or garden.
- Comfortable around cats

### Desirable Criteria

- Autism awareness
- Experience working with non-verbal children on the autistic spectrum
- Knowledge of Makaton PECS
- Experience with intensive interaction/play therapy
- Non-smoker ideally. However, if you do smoke then you will be asked to do so outside as my mum has asthma

### Summary terms and conditions

- Hours, days and times of work:
  - 6 hours available per week
  - We are happy to work around your schedule and accommodate each other
- Pay rate: £13.50 per hour
- Annual leave: The annual holiday entitlement for this position will be equivalent to the work normally done during 5.6 weeks (statutory entitlement).
- Expenses: You will be reimbursed for prior agreed expenses incurred as part of the role.
- Sick pay: I do not operate a private sick pay scheme but provided you meet the eligibility criteria, you may be entitled to Statutory Sick Pay (SSP).
- Pension: I do not operate a private pension scheme but I will fulfil my statutory obligations via the [NEST](#) pension scheme.

### The post is subject to the following

- Background check: A satisfactory Enhanced with Children's Barred List Disclosure and Barring Service check is required for this position.
  - *If you have been convicted of a criminal offence, please send these details to SIL in a separate email or in a sealed envelope together with a stamped addressed envelope. This will not be shared unless you are shortlisted for the post.*
- Trial period: This post is subject to a probationary period of 3 months.

### How to apply

If you wish to apply for this position, please complete an **application form** and return it to SIL, quoting the job reference number **5028**.

**Please refer to the job description.**

**Online form:** <https://www.suffolkindependentliving.org.uk/application-form-1>

**Email:** [suffolk@silmail.org](mailto:suffolk@silmail.org)

**Telephone:** 01473 603876

**Post - Address:** SIL, Unit 21, IP City Centre, 1 Bath Street, Ipswich, IP2 8SD