



Job Description and Person Specification
Support Worker / Care Team Manager
Job Ref: EH006

Job Title: Support Worker

Location: Red Lodge, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk

Hours and Shifts Available: One 24-hour shift to be worked every 3-days (average of 56 hours per week), includes a sleep-in night.

Employer: Client acting by Property and Affairs Deputy

Line Manager: Emma Hunt, Case Manager

Pay: £16.28 for weekday shifts; £17.85 per hour for weekend shifts and £12.87 for sleep-in hours

About Mr C

Mr C suffered a hypoxic brain injury at birth; he has quadriplegic cerebral palsy and he is dependent on support for all his care needs.

Mr C lives in his own home, which is a purposefully adapted bungalow. The property includes a dedicated bedroom, office space and en-suite for staff.

Mr C enjoys watching television, listening to all types of music, watching music videos, playing board games. He enjoys films and he will initiate getting a DVD of his choice to watch.

Mr C enjoys being out in his wheelchair accessible vehicle and anything vehicle related.

Mr C enjoys going out to the park, for long drives and watching vehicles and people.

The Roles and Responsibilities of the job:

Care and support – Mr C is reliant on support for all his health care needs, including personal care, medication, attending medical appointments.

Safeguarding – Mr C is a vulnerable adult and as such staff will need to protect Mr C from harm, abuse and neglect. This includes completing accurate records.

Support and behaviour/communication – staff to support Mr C with signing using Makaton sign language.

Meal and drink preparation of all meals, drink and snacks. This will include assisting Mr C with his shopping.



Domestic support – Mr C's household, including housework, washing, and ironing, will need to be maintained.

Finances – Mr C requires support to manage his finances and there is a household expenditure account and petty cash that is managed by staff.

Driving Mr C's Wheelchair accessible vehicle - Support Mr C to access leisure, recreation and social activities in the community. Support Mr C to attend medical appointments.

Therapy - Carry out rehabilitation programmes set by Physiotherapy, Psychology, Occupational Therapy, and Speech and Language Therapy.

Nighttime care - Is provided on a sleeping night basis with staff available to support Mr C with personal care, toileting and any issues that may arise.

Pay and Other Benefits:

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- Weekday Rate £16.28 per hour
- Weekend Rate (Sat-Sun) £17.85 per hour
- Night sleeper rate £12.87 per hour 11pm-7am (8 hours)
- 5.6 weeks annual leave per annum (pro-rata)
- 2 weeks employer's sick pay
- Pay to attend supervision and training
- Mileage rates for use of your own vehicle if required
- Access to Ben Holden Ltd employee assistance programme
- Access to Ben Holden Ltd discount scheme

The Work Environment

At the client's home, near to Bury St Edmunds.

No smoking environment. Staff are not permitted to smoke under any circumstances whilst in the workplace.

Confidentiality

The ability to respect the privacy of Mr C is fundamental to this position. All matters relating to their condition are to be treated as confidential and are not to be disclosed to a third party.

Person Specification

Applicants are invited who can fulfil the following criteria.

Area	Essential?	Desirable?
Skills Ability to use IT for record keeping and care planning (or a willingness to learn). Effective communication skills, written and verbal. Ability to maintain clear and concise records Able to drive	Yes Yes Yes	Yes
Experience Experience in care and support of people with a disability Experience in brain injury or cerebral palsy Experience of working with therapists in a rehabilitation setting Experience of working in the community Experience of working in people's own homes	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes
Knowledge and Understanding: Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding and how to promote the welfare of vulnerable groups. Flexibility in approach to care Ability to maintain clear and concise records	Yes Yes Yes	
Personality and interests Excellent communication skills Great sense of humour Ability to act on own initiative Confident to lone work if necessary	Yes Yes Yes Yes	

All successful candidates will be subject to a probation period, where their capability and competency in the above areas will be assessed.



BHL is committed to the protection of individuals from avoidable harm and abuse. All successful applicants will undergo an Enhanced DBS (with barred list) checks (at the expense of the employer). This role is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, and it's a criminal offence for people who are barred from working in regulated activity to apply for this role. We will require a full job history and evidence of your conduct at work (for roles involved in working with vulnerable groups) and will seek both professional and employment references before employment commences.