

Sennie (SEN NANNY) for B4

Additional needs present: Cerebral Palsy; Non-Verbal	Location: Daventry, Northamptonshire	Wage / Salary: £16 per hour Monday - Friday £18 per hour Saturday - Sunday	Driver: Essential - Adapted automatic van provided for use with child whilst on duty
Live in/out: Live out	Pets: Cat	Days & Hours: Fixed term contract until September 2022. - Work will still be available after this date, but hours will change/reduce in line with B4 attending school 36 or 48 hours per week guaranteed Overtime is often available	Start Date: ASAP

Essential Skills/Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual handling experience or keen and quick to learn • 2+ years of SEN childcare experience • Non-smoker • Good standard of spoken English • Vaccinated against Covid - 19 • Able to drive an automatic adapted van to transport B4 	Desirable Skills/Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior experience working as part of a care team • Prior experience supporting a child under 7 who has Cerebral Palsy • Excellent written skills to complete the required paperwork to high standard
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About the role/family: **SENNIES** is excited to support a wonderful family and their case management team in finding an additional member for their care team, as they move from 1:1 to 2:1 support (due to the manual handling duties) for their wonderful little boy. Both parents work full time, and they have set up a fantastic team of specialists and carers to deliver both high-quality care and early years development at home. B4 is an only child.

As B4 will be starting school in September, this is a fixed-term contract until then. The rota is prepared a month in advance, and all team members are required to work a variety of shifts to ensure they have contact with all therapists involved in B4's care.

We are looking for a Sennie to work flexibly, someone who can support B4 and the family to manage all aspects of their daily life. The role is focused on maximising B4's independence and wellbeing, as well as providing a loving and supportive environment to aid his development. The selected Sennie will support B4 to link into his community by meeting his care, support, and rehabilitation needs.

About B4: B4 is a loving and sweet little boy who loves people, other children, messy play, dressing up, screen time, music/singing/ instruments, swimming (especially his paddling pool if you help him), cake, coffee shops, his bricks and having stories read to him. He has a real sweet tooth, and he loves to stretch his legs in his walker when browsing the treats in local shops Waitrose. B4 is happy to participate in his therapy sessions and enjoys chatting to people on zoom. His favourite place to be is in the park! Especially going on the slides, swings or anything that seems a bit daring!

B4 has Cerebral Palsy, is non-verbal and has impaired swallowing. He currently crawls everywhere but is unable to weight bear. He uses a walker, a standing frame and a specialist buggy which is about to be replaced by a wheelchair. Cognitively he is extremely able and has several fantastic specialists/therapists in place including a

Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapists, Music Therapist and specialist AAC Teacher. B4 requires 2:1 care due to his manual handling needs.

Physical care of B4 includes but is not limited to feeding, bathing, and changing, as well as helping him access the world around him. Bathing is to be undertaken using the specialist equipment provided. Feeding should take place with B4 seated in his specialist seating unless the Sennie and B4 are away from home over mealtimes. Safe feeding practices should be led by B4's dysphagia plan.

It is key to create a stimulating and safe environment for B4, providing companionship, encouragement, advice, and supervision to help him achieve his personal milestones.

B4's key areas for development and support are:

- Supporting B4 with his social and emotional communication skills
- Supporting B4's mobility and ensuring he is taking part in his daily exercises
- Toileting
- Accessing the curriculum
- Developing effective communication skills
- Accessing the usual activities that small boys enjoy.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- To support B4 with daily activities whilst helping him to develop and maintain skills to promote his independence.
- Undertaking daily physiotherapy exercises in accordance with the advice provided by his physiotherapist.
- Ensuring B4's safe positioning at all times, in accordance with advice from his physiotherapist and occupational therapist (OT).
- Carrying out daily therapy as recommended by his Physiotherapist OT, SLT and other involved professionals.
- Implementing behavioural management strategies as agreed by B4's parents.
- Attending and participating in training or therapy sessions provided by B4's therapists either at home or in the community. Communicating any concerns raised by either parent with the therapist and any concerns raised by the therapist with the parents after any such session.
- Attending and participating in reviews with medical professionals and clear communication of parental views and feedback after sessions.
- To work as a member of B4's support team. To engage actively with other people involved in supporting B4 and participate in the planning of care and rehabilitation support measures, routines and activities
- To meet B4's personal care and food hygiene needs and support the family with other household activities such as shopping, cleaning, laundry etc, in a respectful and sensitive manner and in accordance with their wishes as a family.
- Provide well-balanced and nutritious meals appropriate to the needs of B4 as directed by his family.
- Supporting and providing varied activities for the all-around development of B4, including sensory play.
- Taking B4 to playgroup/nursery/school and communicating clearly relevant information to and from these institutions.
- Taking B4 on outings appropriate to his age and stage of development.
- Cleaning all areas of the accommodation used by B4 as agreed with B4's parents.
- Cleaning and laundering of B4's clothes and toys.
- Responsibility for cleaning and maintaining household equipment relating to the care of B4, including specialist equipment. Advise parents on the same day if any equipment is faulty or becomes damaged.
- To clean up after yourself and B4, ensuring the house is left in a tidy state after activities and at the end of each day.
- To maintain clear and accurate records of B4's care and progress.
- To drive the adapted vehicle to allow B4 to access the community, medical appointments and other events as required.
- Providing a discrete but friendly presence in the home environment.

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