

Compassionate and Fun Sennie/Buddy/Companion Needed

Location: Edgeware, HA8

Wage / Salary: £15 - £18.50 gross depending on experience / guaranteed £15 -£18 take home

Live Out

A Driver is essential for this role - an automatic car is available on duty.

Essential Skills/Traits:

- Previous work experience with additional/special needs
- Energetic and outgoing personality
- A strong team player and happy work alongside others
- Professional attitude whilst also personable
- Physically fit and capable
- Proactive and thoughtful
- Driving license and happy to drive for work
- Great communication skills

Desirable Skills/Traits:

- Comfortable supporting M27 with swimming
- Experience with profound learning disabilities
- Demonstrable experience with non/pre-verbal communicators

Pets: No Pets

Start Date: Flexible start date for the right candidate

Days & Hours: 2 days a week, contracted 6 hours per day

Tuesday, Thursday or Friday (please specify your preferred days on application)

Approximately 2pm - 8pm with occasional flexibility required

About the family: SENNIES are looking to find a confident and compassionate Sennie/Buddy to support and be a companion for a sociable non verbal 27 year old man who has Angelman Syndrome. He is currently residing in assisted living and has a number of support staff helping him in his day to day life at his accommodation. His parents are looking to find a trustworthy, reliable and fun 'friend' and advocate for M27, with a great sense of humour and engaging personality, who can act as mum's eyes and ears when she can't be there and who can effectively support M27's independence and enrichment. They are looking for someone who genuinely will enjoy spending time with their son and is able to offer long term commitment.

About M27: M27 is a sociable and outgoing 27 year old man who has Angelman syndrome. He loves swimming, adores horses and really enjoys sensory activities and play. He is happy spending time on his trampoline, in his hammock, playing in his paddling pool and riding his bike at home but also thoroughly enjoys going out to activities such as riding the tube, going to the park, sailing, visiting the theatre, going to a concert and trips to legoland and attractions such a shrek adventure - so the Sennie will have lots of opportunity to join M27 in his preferred activities and have fun alongside him!

M27 is a generally very lovely young man, and he responds really well to others if they respond positively to him.

M27 is a non verbal communicator and instead uses facial expressions and physical signals to communicate with others. He is fully dependent meaning he is always supported on a 2:1 basis so the Sennie selected must be happy and comfortable working alongside one of his support/care workers during the day, as this is as much for their safety as it is for M27's. He can walk assisted for very short distances, but does require physical support in most areas.

It would be a bonus if M27's Sennie has experience with setting up and implementing sensory play and activities as during the winter it would be nice to occasionally do activities at home together. M27 is unable to play by himself but he very much likes people playing with him and his mother is happy to help with ideas.

At times, he can become emotionally dysregulated and distressed if he feels that something is wrong or hasn't gone according to plan or if he can't understand something or communicate how he is feeling. However he is always around people who know him very well and therefore everyone is able to share their strategies and ideas of how to best support and prevent these situations as much as possible, with the hopes that the Sennie will come to know him equally well and have their own ideas on how to aid him too.

His key areas for development and support are:

- Aspects of personal care including; taking him for regular toilet breaks as he will not instigate this on his own and assistance with feeding/drinking.
- Encouraging M27's independence with certain self care tasks such as feeding himself and building upon his mobility
- Effectively liaising with his care team to ensure a consistent and beneficial approach
- Focusing on the things he can do and reinforcing and developing on these things positively
- Assisting mum with researching other activities for M27 to do on your working days
- Being aware of any of M27's triggers and minimising distress as much as possible
- Taking photos and videos for and of M27 for his photo book that mum would like assistance with creating for him which documents his life and abilities.

They are currently using massage therapy with M27 and also trying to give weekly contact with horses as this seems to be an enjoyable experience for him.

The Sennie should be physically capable and not phased by distressed behaviours. The right Sennie will bring out the best in M27, allowing him to be the lovely, charming young man he is.

About the role: The selected Sennie will provide afternoon and evening support on a 2:1 basis, and will be a key member of M27's team, ensuring he is safe, comfortable and happy - allowing him to have a great quality of life where is able to experience lots of fun and stimulating activities.

Main Duties include:

- Providing a happy, safe and stimulating environment for M27 out and about and occasionally at home.
- Ensuring his key areas for support and development are being met
- Planning and organising activities and excursions

- Keeping open and up to date communications with mum and feeding back any important information about M27 regularly and clearly
- Providing elements of personal care alongside a member of his care team
- Giving M27 lots of attention and positive reinforcement
- Reporting any accidents, illness and incidents at the end of each day, or immediately in an emergency

The family are looking for a proactive, confident and engaging Special Educational Needs Support who can become a friend for their son. A genuine passion for working with special educational needs is a must.