

Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY/MANNY) for B15

Additional needs present: Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy	Location: Hampstead, London, NW3	Wage / Salary: £28,392 per annum gross	Driver: Non-Essential
Live in/out: Live in only for the overnight shift - 1 per week <hr/> Accommodation: For overnight shifts, there is an en-suite bedroom opposite B15's room, and a sofa-bed in his room	Pets: None	Days & Hours: One overnight and 2 evenings per week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wednesday - 3:15pm to Thursday 9:15am ● Thursday - 3:15pm to 9:15pm ● Friday - 3:15pm to 6:15pm 	Start Date: 22/11/2023

Essential Skills/Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2+ years of SEN childcare experience ● Basic Makaton Skills - further tools and training provided ● A playful and energetic person who can also be calm and supportive ● Someone happy to work within a family context ● Someone proactive, calm, patient, yet fun and playful ● An active person who enjoys the outdoors and can support B15 and ensure his safety whilst enjoying outside spaces ● Someone who has a positive outlook on life with an open mind ● Someone willing to deal with personal hygiene ● Fully vaccinated against COVID-19 	Desirable Skills/Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Experience of seizures and tube feeding are preferable, but not required ● Cerebral Palsy experience
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About the role/family: **SENNIES** is excited to support a warm and friendly family of 4 to find a professional Sennie to join their care team to support B15. They have a great team in place and previous carers have stayed for many years, proving this is a great role and family to join!

The family are looking for a Sennie to care for their teenage son in the afternoon, overnight and in the morning in the family home. The family can provide an en-suite room whilst on duty, and they have a Nest camera set up in B15's room, so he can be monitored overnight. The night is 'on-call', NOT 'waking night' and the Sennie will only need to respond if B15 is in pain, requires specific help or is unsettled thus waking up the rest of the house. Due to his sleep-related challenges, the Sennie is required to stay in B15's room (there is a sofa bed) during the 1 overnight per week, but the Sennie will have access to an en suite bedroom where they are welcome to relax whilst B15 is asleep.

About the child/children: **B15** is a sociable, fun-loving and mostly calm teen who loves being out and about and has a keen interest in all types of transport, i.e. planes, trains, and automobiles. B15 is also really into his music and is often found singing and dancing to a favourite song or band.

B15 has cerebral palsy, has experienced tonic clonic seizures (and is on anti-epileptic medication, which the Sennie would need to administer) and has had sleep-related challenges since he was a baby.

Previously, B15 would still have a great day even if he didn't sleep well, but as he matures, lack of sleep is starting to have more of an impact on his mood and daily activities. Over the last 12-15 months, the family have been trialling different strategies shared by specialists to support a better sleep routine for B15. He currently sleeps for about 6 hours per night and can wake up 2-6 times during those 6 hours. He is often awake and unable to go back to sleep from about 4 am. As the rest of the house will be asleep, it is important the selected Sennie supports B15 in remaining calm without waking the rest of the house until morning routine time begins.

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The family are looking for a Sennie to assist with all of B15's overnight needs (1 night per week) as well as support his independence to help him lead a stimulating and fun life.

B15 has Occupational therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech and Language therapy at school, and also a Physio therapist and massage therapist who support him at home. All encouragement and praise are welcomed by the family within their home.

B15 has medications which the Sennie must be confident administering (training provided), however, proficiency with numeracy is a must to ensure measurements/dosage is correct. Previous experience with EpiPen is not essential, but must be confident in the ability to learn and show a keen interest in supporting B15 in all areas of his development and care.

The family also have an 9-year-old son who is neurotypical. He mostly doesn't need support from the Sennie, but Thursday evenings they would support him in his bedtime routine.

Key areas of development:

- Support the family to improve B15's sleep challenges, with guidance from specialists
- Build upon B15's independence
- Support B15 in leading a stimulating, fun life

Sensory and safety checklist: *The family have identified that B15...*

- Does not seem to know where his body is in space
- Has poor balance
- Quite clumsy
- Often bumps into people and objects

Who this role would suit:

- A university graduate with hands-on SEN experience and a desire to work in SEN childcare
- Someone with experience in or qualified as a physiotherapist (not a deal breaker, but a great skill!)
- Someone who has experience supporting children with a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy, Seizures/Epilepsy and/or tube feeding would be ideal – Training provided
- A Sole charge SEN Nanny (Sennie) and/or SEN Night Nanny
- Someone confident with:
 - Makaton or basic Makaton
 - PECS
 - My choice - communication app

Lead Recruiter: Anita - Anita@sennies.co.uk

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