

Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST NANNY) for B8

Additional needs present: Brain malformation which affects every part of development, wheelchair-user, tube-fed, Epilepsy, Blind, Hypotonia, frequent respiratory infections, GDD.	Location: London	Wage / Salary: Approx £39,000 to £45,000 per annum gross	Driver: Essential
Live in/out: Live out	Pets: None	Days & Hours: Approx 40 hours per week; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1x afternoon after school a week • 3x mornings (help get ready for school 8-10.30am) • 1x Saturday or Sunday a week/bi-weekly • 1 -2x overnights a week, from 10pm-10am Flexibility and shift changes for the right Sennie	Start Date: ASAP

Essential Skills/Traits:

- 2+ Years SEN Childcare experience
- Compassionate and Caring
- Attentive and Alert
- Enjoys helping a little sensory seeker to explore the world.
- Proficient in medical care, including: Suctioning and monitoring airways as he frequently gets chest infections; Peg feeding; Hoisting and positioning to ensure comfort; Medication management to adhere to prescribed treatments
- Experience with Epilepsy/ Seizures
- Capability to assist with physiotherapy exercises to aid in B8's physical development.
- Experience in providing assistance with bathing and other personal care routines, ensuring dignity and comfort.

About the role/family: **SENNIES** is excited to support a loving little family, seeking a Sennie to provide the support and companionship B8 needs throughout his day. Despite being profoundly disabled, B8 brings so much joy, laughter and perspective to his family and friends.

In this role, the Sennie will be responsible for ensuring B8's safety and well-being, as he requires constant adult supervision. This includes monitoring his airways, assisting him in his wheelchair, and providing emotional and physical support. The Sennie's day-to-day tasks will involve engaging with B8 in meaningful conversations about everything and nothing, responding to his communication (& guitar serenades, which he plays on his Eye Gaze device), reading him stories, singing & dancing if you feel the mood and helping with his physiotherapy exercises. Additionally, you will be responsible for managing his medical needs, which include administering medication, monitoring for signs of epilepsy, and offering general assistance to facilitate a safe, nurturing and mellow environment.

As a small family living in their cosy, adapted, sensory-tastic apartment, they enjoy a close-knit dynamic enriched by the support of step-dad (when he's not working long hours), friends and neighbours, who are situated in a great part of the world. After years of solely caring for B8, Mum is trying to look after herself more and ensure that she gets enough rest. Therefore, Mum would love to have someone that she trusts to help care for B8. The family strives to balance fun and enjoyment with the necessary routines that come with B8's care, ensuring that his medication schedule is adhered to and his airways remain clear.

About the child/children: B8 is an amazing, friendly, and mellow little charmer who brings a special light to everyone around him. Though he is non-verbal and has medical challenges (including being peg-fed for all his food & drink), his ability to connect with those around him is extraordinary. He communicates through expressive gestures, facial expressions, noises and his infectious smile and laughter- which makes caring for him an honour. B8's spirit shines through in all that he does.

He has a deep affection for all things sensory- from captivating, glowing fairy lights to cuddles, wheelchair-walks in nature, swimming in hydrotherapy pools, listening and playing music. B8 is also comforted by soft voices and singing. Music is one of his key loves- he enjoys listening to a variety of tunes that lift his spirits and create a joyful atmosphere or playing his own xylophone & (Eyegaze) tunes. B8 also adores spending time outdoors, especially under the trees, where he can feel the breeze, hear the rustling leaves and watch the dappled light through the leaves, adding to his sensory experiences. Cuddles are a cherished part of B8's day, as they provide him with warmth and security. His gentle nature and loving disposition make him a delightful companion, and his laughter is contagious, bringing joy to everyone he meets.

To support B8 effectively, a Sennie would play a vital role in his daily routine. Mum would like someone to help in the mornings by giving him breakfast, administering his medications, and assisting with getting him ready for school. Once a week, the Sennie would be required to help after school and on either a Saturday or Sunday (week on or off- as per prior agreed schedule) allowing for playful interactions, assisting with bathing, and giving Mum the opportunity to go out and about.

Overall, B8 is far more than a child with challenges; he is a vibrant, loving individual who thrives on connection, sensory experiences, and the affection of those around him. Anyone who has the privilege of working with B8 will find themselves captivated by his charm and the unique joy he brings to life.

Sensory and safety checklist: *The family have identified that B8:*

- Is attracted to lights; Is fascinated by shiny objects and bright colours; Enjoys certain patterns (e.g. brickwork, stripes); Is startled when approached by others; Does not see certain colours; Likes a hug if chosen to do this; Finds fine motor movements hard; Is a permanent wheelchair user- so cannot run or climb.

Who this role would suit:

- Someone who is compassionate, and nurturing, with a genuine interest in working with children with disabilities.
- A Sennie with experience in providing care for non-verbal children or those with complex needs.
- Someone who enjoys engaging in sensory activities and understands the importance of creating a comforting and stimulating environment.
- An individual who has skills in administering medications and managing feeding through a PEG tube.
- Someone who is patient and can communicate effectively through gestures and other non-verbal cues.
- A Sennie who is comfortable with providing personal care, including bathing and dressing.
- Those who are flexible and can adapt to the varying needs of B8's routine.
- An Enthusiastic individual who can bring joy and fun to B8's daily activities and interactions.
- A Sennie who is reliable and committed to supporting both B8 and his Mum, allowing for a balanced family dynamic

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

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