

**Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST PA/NANNY/MANNY) for B17**

<b>Additional needs present:</b>  Cerebral Palsy	<b>Location:</b>  Putney, SW15	<b>Wage / Salary:</b> From £18 per hour gross.	<b>Driver:</b> Non-essential but an advantage
<b>Live in/out:</b> Live out  (Guest room available if needed whilst on overnight duty)	<b>Pets:</b> 2 dogs, 2 cats	<b>Days &amp; Hours:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every Friday 14.15pm to 9pm</li> </ul> <i>Additional hours available as Friday and/or Saturday overnight weekly or bi-weekly and Saturday/Sunday hours/holiday cover available.</i>  <u>The family wishes to stress that they can be flexible for the right candidate. If a candidate is available for some, but not all, of these hours they should still apply for the role.</u>	<b>Start Date:</b>  ASAP

**Essential Skills/Traits:**

- Previous SEN childcare experience
- Cheerful with a can-do attitude
- Patient and kind approach
- Great organisational skills and common sense
- Fluent spoken and written English
- Comfortable working as part of a team of staff whilst being able to successfully work on their own initiative
- Comfortable working in a household with pets
- Strong communication skills, and work as part of a team to support B17
- A level or College level educated as a minimum

**About the role/family:** **SENNIES** is excited to support a returning client find additional support for Fridays and weekends each week. We are seeking a PA / Buddy for B17, who has quad athetoid Cerebral Palsy. The family is looking for someone with a can-do attitude, who is energetic and can encourage B17 to spend more time outside and engage in external activities where possible. The role involves assisting B17 with intimate personal care tasks. The ideal candidate should have childcare or young adult care experience with great references and special needs experience (cerebral palsy experience is an advantage).

They describe their household as a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with lots of coming and going (4 children in total, G21, B19, B17 & B15, however this role is only to support B17). They are academically ambitious, but also keen to prioritise happiness and quality of life.

**About the child/children:** B17 is a bright young man with a great sense of humour who enjoys watching music videos, compiling Spotify playlists, watching movies, and using Instagram and TikTok (someone who is clued-up on technology and social media to ensure he is enjoying the internet safely would be ideal). He has quad athetoid cerebral palsy, with little functional control over his body, meaning he is a full-time wheelchair user. Whilst B17 is able to take some food orally, he is largely fed a blended food diet through his tube, therefore the Sennie must be comfortable and confident in managing this task.

The candidate will be required to act as a role model, encourage independence and support independent learning, and use every experience as an opportunity to learn and explore. B17 has a couple of hours of homework to complete most weekends so patience and motivating skills will come in handy.

Although B17 is non-verbal, he communicates well using an eye gaze device and/or a low-tech communication system and currently attends mainstream school. IT competence would be an advantage to best support him.

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The family is looking for a reliable, responsible, intelligent, engaging, and kind Buddy / PA who can serve as a strong role model for their child. Experience is not a priority, as relevant training will be provided. The ideal candidate should have a flexible approach and guide their child towards age-appropriate content, encouraging independent learning and exploration.

Although the role is not live-in, a guest room is available for the Sennie to stay overnight when/if working waking night shifts. Additionally, the family is open to travelling occasionally for holidays (UK or abroad) and if the selected Sennie would like to join them, additional work/hours would be available for the duration of the trip.

**Who this role would suit:**

- The family is looking for someone with a can-do attitude.
- Someone who is energetic and will help encourage B17 to spend more time outside and engage with external activities where possible.
- Personality fit is more important to the family than experience, as relevant training will be provided. They are looking for a strong role model who has a flexible approach, with the ability to guide their son towards age - appropriate content in his areas of interest eg. tv, films and music.
- Someone who can help build upon B17's independence and encourage independent learning, using every experience as an opportunity to learn and explore.
- Candidates must be reliable, responsible, intelligent, engaging and kind.

**Lead Recruiter:** Anita - [Anita@sennies.co.uk](mailto:Anita@sennies.co.uk)

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