**Personal Assistant**

Hours: 12 hour day shifts

8am -8pm

36-48 hours per week (including weekends)

Wage: £10 per hour

Location: Throckley

**Job Description**

My husband needs support 24 hours per day over 7 days per week. We are looking for people to work as Personal Assistants to support him to continue living in our family home.

The role involves providing all of the support my husband needs to live at home. This will vary from personal care including helping with showering, washing, brushing of teeth and providing mouth care every day; administering medication; repositioning and stretching legs throughout the day through to trachea care and peg feeding. Equipment will need to be routinely and effectively sterilised.

Previous experience would be useful but full training can be given.

Part of the role will also be to take him out several times per week for a walk and fresh air.

Tasks such as laundry, ironing and any domestic tasks that he is unable to undertake himself will also be part of the role.

**Person Specification**

To be my Personal Assistant you should:

* Ideally have some experience of providing care and support
* Be willing to work under our direction
* Have a positive attitude towards disability
* Be flexible, reliable and punctual
* Not smoke in my home/presence
* Not drink alcohol when working for me
* Have good general health
* Be clean and tidy to my specification
* Be able to work in different settings
* Keep information gained in the course of your employment confidential
* Respect our privacy and dignity and that of our family and friends
* Not discuss our household and domestic circumstances with others, other than with my specific permission
* Be able to accept responsibility and work on your own initiative
* Be patient when doing repeated tasks
* Be able to respond appropriately in an emergency
* Have at least basic reading, writing and number skills
* Be sociable and enthusiastic
* Be confident of your ability to get to and from shifts in the Throckley area of Newcastle upon Tyne

**APPLICATION FORM**

**For the job of: Personal Assistant**

**IMPORTANT: The form must be completed in full. A curriculum vitae will not be accepted as a substitute.**

**YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS**

Title:

First Name: Middle Name:

Last Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone number (Home): (Mobile):

E-mail address:

National Insurance Number:

Do you hold a current full, clean driving licence which is valid in the UK?

If yes, for how long?

Do you have your own transport?

**TELL US ABOUT YOU……**

What makes you a good candidate for this post? Please make your response relevant to this particular post and detailed Job Description.

What achievements are you most proud of?

What do you like to do in your spare time? What are your interests and hobbies?

## **YOUR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

What is your current job (paid or unpaid) and what do you most enjoy about it?

(Continue this information on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please tell me briefly about your previous occupations (paid or unpaid):

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**YOUR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Please give details of your education/training including any qualifications relevant for this role:

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**A FEW MORE QUESTIONS……**

Could you work extra hours at short notice?

I may need assistance with form filling, paying bills and shopping. Would you be able to help me?

Would you be prepared to work in a house where smoking is not permitted?

Please tell me if there are any Personal Assistance tasks that you couldn’t perform, either for religious, cultural or medical reasons or just because you wouldn’t want to.

When would you be able to start work?

Where did you see this advert?

Please indicate what days you could work and how many hours you are looking to work in total:

**DETAILS OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS**

Because of the nature of the work for which you are applying, this post is exempt from the provisions of Section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions Order 1975). Applicants are not entitled therefore to withhold information about convictions which, for other purposes, are 'spent' under the provisions of the Act unless they are subject to filtering. Any information given will be completely confidential.

Declaration: Have you had any criminal convictions that are not subject to filtering?

Yes/No

If yes, please give full details. Use a separate sheet if necessary

**REFERENCES**

Please give the details of two people who have agreed to act as referees for you. One must be a current or most recent employer if you have one; they should not be a member of your close family.

1. Name:

How do they know you:

Address:

Tel no:

e-mail:

 Contact following Interview but Prior to Job offer? YES or NO

2. Name:

How do they know you:

Address:

Tel no:

e-mail:

Contact following Interview but Prior to Job offer? YES or NO

**DECLARATION**

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information on this form is accurate and that I have not omitted any facts, which may have any bearing on my application. If I am employed and it later becomes apparent that the information is not accurate, I will be dismissed.

Signed Date

Your application will be passed on via email or post to the service user or their nominated person who is advertising.

Disability North will electronically store your application form for 6 months after this recruitment ends, it will then be deleted.

If you are successful your application form will be stored electronically throughout the course of your employment and 6 months thereafter. It will then be deleted. We may share your information with our payroll service in order for them to carry out the payroll service to your employer.

If a DBS is required we will scan and email your DBS information to the information officer at Newcastle Civic Centre. Documents will be stored securely and electronically until the DBS comes back and they will then be deleted.

To view Disability North’s Privacy Notices visit <http://www.disabilitynorth.org.uk/about-us/privacy-notice/>

Consent for information on recruitment services.

**Please tick the box beside any of the sections that interest you:**

* **Yes please add me to the vacancies bulletin mailing list**

A fortnightly bulletin summarising current PA vacancies with local employers

* **Please send me further information on the Matching Service**

Using a generic application form we will store your details which can be viewed by our Service Users when looking for PA support.

If you consent to any of the above and later wish to remove your consent, please contact directpayments@disabilitynorth.org.uk and we will no longer send you information on that topic.