**Job Description**

**Job title:** Family Support worker

**Hours:** 10 hours per week,

Tuesday, Fridays, and 1 in 3 Saturdays, during term time.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday plus 1 in 3 Saturdays in school holidays.

**Location:** Gosforth

**Rates of pay:** £15.00 per hour

**Purpose of Job**

**About the individual**

Ewan is a 14-year-old that has a diagnosis of Autism.

Ewan is very loving towards his younger brother, Dylan and enjoys playing imaginary games (led by Dylan’s active imagination), playing on their trampoline, and playing board games together.

Ewan enjoys playing card and board games with his mam, dad, uncle Gary, gran and grandad and brother Dylan.

Ewan is very loving and loves to give cuddles, he has learned that he sometimes wants to hug for longer than others do and will stop hugging when given a countdown.

Ewan is very interested in the computer games Pokémon, Minecraft and Yo-kai watch and often talks animatedly and in detail about these.

He enjoys the outdoors and explores this in both our garden and in National Trust places.

Ewan really enjoys our annual family holiday to Beadnall, he likes staying in a holiday cottage with gran and grandad and getting cuddles with gran every morning and loves exploring the sand dunes every evening, he is sad when it is time to come home.

Ewan is an avid reader and likes quizzing his family with quizzes from the non-fiction books that he prefers to read.

Ewan has been doing some coding using scratch with his dad and enjoys making his own computer games this way. He enjoys playing retro games at the gaming social he goes to with his PA.

**Main duties**

The main duty will be to spend time with Ewan to allow us parents and sibling to have some respite,

As our son and the family’s needs will vary it is important that the Personal Assistant is flexible about what the work involves and agrees to undertake any reasonable Personal Assistance tasks, we request e.g., accompanying the family on outings. You will be required to carry out the following tasks on a flexible basis:

**Personal Assistance**

* Helping our son to change for an activity, for example taking off and putting on shoes or a coat.
* Prompting and helping our son with toileting, including washing hands and changing clothes if necessary.
* Ewan toilets on a schedule, as he cannot tell when he needs to go.
* Helping our son to stay safe on the way to and from activities by holding his hand, prompting him to crossroads safely and prompting him to use his feelings fan to indicate how anxious he is.

**Social Assistance**

* Supporting us to take both of our sons to social activities outside of the home.
* Spending time playing with and talking to our son.
* Supporting our son to interact with other children in a positive way
* Supervising our son to ensure he is safe and generally responding to his needs.
* Supporting our son to deal with his anxiety and sensory issues.

**Person Specification**

To be Ewan`s personal assistant you should:

* Have some experience of working with disabled children or adults. Particularly children with ASD (desired but not essential)
* Have a positive attitude towards disability
* Be willing to work under our direction
* Be able to work flexibly to meet our son’s needs
* Not drink alcohol during working hours or present to work hungover
* Have good general health
* Be a driver and have a clean driving licence
* Be reliable and trustworthy
* Be a good timekeeper
* Be able to work in different settings
* Be patient and understanding
* Be willing and able to supervise our younger son when required
* Keep information gained in the course of your employment confidential
* Be able to respond appropriately in an emergency
* Be able to accept responsibility and work on your own initiative
* Be patient when doing repeated tasks
* Have at least basic reading, writing and number skills

You do not need any formal qualifications, but you must be willing to learn how to do the job under our direction.