**Kind and Caring Personal Assistant Needed for 15-Year-Old Boy**

**Location:** York

**Hours:** 2 per week.

**Hourly rate:** £12.60 per hour.

We are looking for a kind, patient, and reliable Personal Assistant (PA) to support our 15-year-old son, David, who is energetic, enthusiastic, and full of curiosity about the world around him.

David loves football, going to the library, exploring museums, reading comics, and chatting about all things geography. He enjoys staying active and likes completing activities with a sense of purpose. Spending time with someone who shares or encourages his interests makes a real difference.

This role is about supporting David to access activities outside the family home – from football sessions and museum visits to library trips and other community-based outings.

**Purpose of the Role:**

To support a 15-year-old boy, David, who is autistic, curious, and active, to engage in meaningful activities and social opportunities outside the home. The role is focused on building a trusting connection, promoting David’s independence, and helping him access the community safely and enjoyably.

**Main Duties and Responsibilities:**

* Accompany David to community-based activities such as:
  + Football sessions
  + Library visits
  + Museums and cultural spaces
  + Outdoor walks and local outings
* Offer encouragement, emotional reassurance, and motivation throughout activities
* Support social interaction and communication in ways suited to David’s individual style
* Work alongside the family to ensure consistency and understanding of David’s routines
* Maintain a calm, safe, and enjoyable environment during outings
* Provide feedback to the family after sessions, if needed
* Respect David’s privacy, dignity, and choices at all times

**Working Environment:**

* You will be working mainly in the community or supporting travel to/from local venues
* Some flexibility in working hours depending on school holidays and David’s schedule
* You may work alone with David once a positive and safe working relationship is established

**Person Specification**

Essential Criteria:

* Experience or awareness of autism
* Kind, patient, and calm in your approach
* Able to engage and connect meaningfully with young people
* Reliable, punctual, and trustworthy
* Able to support and participate in active, outdoor, or community-based activities
* Willingness to learn about David’s individual communication style and preferences
* Good communication skills – both verbal and listening
* Enhanced DBS check (or willingness to undergo one)
* Two references

**Desirable Criteria:**

* Shared interests with David (e.g., football, museums, geography, comics)
* Previous experience in a support or youth work role

**Personal Attributes:**

* Empathetic and emotionally intelligent
* Encouraging and supportive
* Respectful of individual needs and neurodiversity
* A good sense of humour and ability to adapt to different situations
* Enthusiastic and motivated to help a young person thrive