Direct Payments – Personal Assistant (Carer)

Number of Hours per week: 16 hours

Hourly Rate: £12.00

Contract: Permanent

Location: Ebbw Vale

**About Direct Payments**

The Council provides social care for people who need support at home or in the community and they can choose to receive their support in different ways. One way of doing this, is for the Council to give the person the money (direct payments) so that they can buy their own support, which they can use to employ a Personal Assistant (carer). The Personal Assistant will **NOT** be employed by the Local Authority but by the person (or their representative) in receipt of care.

**Job Advert: About Me**

I am a 29-year-old mother who suffers with depression, anxiety and I am also registered as blind.

I am looking to employ a Personal Assistant’s to help support me and my two children at home and when we go out in the community, for a total of 16 hours per week.

As a Personal Assistant, you will join a team who already supports me during the week/weekends. You will be expected to work 16 hours each, per week. On occasions you would also be required to help cover holidays/sickness leave.

For 10 hours per week, Monday to Friday from 8am to 9am, and 2.30pm to 3.30pm I will need support to ensure my children are appropriately dressed for school and to help me take my children to school and collect them at the end of each school day. I have my own vehicle that you would be expected to drive.

For the remaining 6 hours per week, I need support to attend social activities for myself e.g., going to the hairdressers, shopping, sensory activities, and I also need support to attend social activities with my children, such as going to McDonalds, the park or attending afterschool classes, etc.

It’s also important to me that my home is clean and tidy, and I need a personal assistant to support me to do these daily tasks.

**Benefits**

* Casual dress
* 5.6 weeks Holiday Pay per year

**Requirements – what is important to me**

* You need to have the right values and behaviours to work in social care
* You must respect my privacy and always maintain a professional approach
* You must be honest, trustworthy, and reliable.
* You must have a clean driving licence and access to a vehicle.
* You would be expected to drive my vehicle.
* You must have an Enhanced DBS check for this role (this can be arranged and purchased by the local authority)

**How to Apply**

If you think you are the right person to support me but would like more information before you decide to apply for the role, please contact Direct Payment team on 01495 355265 quoting reference number **1530189**.

Alternatively, you could email us at the following email address: -directpayments@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk