**Support Worker required near Leiston, 20hrs p/w**

***(travel also required as part of the role)***

**Ref: 4446**

***Between £9.00 per hour and £10.00 per hour***

**About Me**

I’m a 27 year old man living in Leiston with my family. I am looking for a Support worker to enable and accompany me to get out and socialise with other people alongside some personal care. I am fun-loving and sociable and would like the opportunity to go out and enjoy myself, through nights out, meals out, weekly activities and monthly trips away.

I have a physical disability and use a wheelchair but desire control over my life and free time. I enjoy socialising with my friends to the local pub given I’m a beer enthusiast and supporter of Ipswich Town FC. I would also like the opportunity to go away for short trips within the UK, or even further afield – and so the successful candidate should be happy to accompany me during these times and hours regularly.

I have a brilliant sense of humour and am very outgoing. I would like to employ someone open to working in a fun and lively environment, and to treat me like any person my age.

***Closing Date: 27/11/20***

**Person Specification**

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| **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **A full clean driving licence** and someone **happy to drive my Motability van**. However we do live rurally, therefore your own vehicle would also be essential. | Someone with **experience of support work, or working with someone with a physical disability.** |
| Someone who is **happy to accompany me out and about**, especially in the evening, when I like to socialise with friends. | **Someone who is happy with dogs (and other animals).** We live on a farm and they are a big part of our family. |
| Someone who has **energy, imagination** and a desire to do new things. I don’t like having nothing to do. | Someone who is **like-minded and who enjoys similar activities** to me. |
| Someone who is **chatty and has excellent communication skills.** I am looking for someone with a good approach, rather than qualifications | Someone who **is happy to accompany me on longer trips** within the UK, or even slightly further afield. |
| **Happy to not use mobiles at work** (unless it’s an emergency) |  |

**Main Responsibilities**

*Here’s an idea of what you might be doing when working with me. This isn’t a complete list, so things might change as we go along, but we will discuss it together to make sure everyone is happy.*

**Mainly evening support, unless we go on a trip further afield.**

* Supporting me with personal care when we’re out and about.
* Driving my vehicle so that I can get out – e.g. to see friends, go to the cinema or go to the pub or club.
* In the future, accompanying me on longer trips away – either in the UK, or further afield.
* Assisting with day to day chores
* Helping to find new activities to try

**Please Note**

* We are a non-smoking household and do not allow smoking in our home.
* I have my own vehicle which you can be insured on so that we can get out and about. Due to insurance requirements applicants need to be over 25.

**Terms and Conditions**

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| Pay Rate: | Weekday: £9.00 per hour  Evenings and Weekend: £10.00 per hour |
| Hours and days of work: | Various hours available, to be worked mainly in the evening – please note your availability on your application form. You may also be required to accompany of trips further afield, possibly overnight. There may also be additional hours available when the other staff are on annual leave or sickness. You will need to be flexible; however you will be given notice of your shifts and a rota will be arranged. |
| Annual Leave | The annual holiday entitlement for this position will be equivalent to the work which would normally be done during 5.6 consecutive weeks. |
| Background Checks | A satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check is required for this position.  If your application is successful, you will be required to provide details of two referees, one of which must be your current or most recent employer, or character references if you have not been employed. |
| Expenses | You will be reimbursed for any expenses incurred during the role. |
| Trial Period | This post is subject to a probationary period of 6 months. |

**How to apply:**

If you wish to apply for this position, please complete the enclosed application form (quoting the reference number SIL44446) and return to the address below.

SIL4446- Suffolk Independent Living

IP City Centre

1 Bath Street

Ipswich

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Or email [suffolk@silmail.org](mailto:suffolk@silmail.org)