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Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY/MANNY) for B13 & B7

Additional needs present: Autism, ADHD	Location:	Salary:
	Sheerness ME11	From £18 per hour gross
Live out	Days & Hours Required: Approx 12 hours per week	
Driver: Essential - with own car	2 shifts per week, one weekday evening and one weekend (flexible with Sennie's availability)	
Pets: No		
Shared care		

About the role/child/children: *SENNIES* is delighted to support a father and his three children (ages 7, 10, and 13) in this unique and rewarding role as they navigate a new family dynamic following his recent brain injury and separation from his wife. The family is based in a complex social situation that requires sensitivity, structure, and specialist experience. The father is rebuilding routines with his children in his new home and would like to spend quality time with them in a supported, consistent, and positive environment, both at home and out in the community.

To facilitate this, the family is seeking a highly skilled and emotionally intelligent Sennie who can provide therapeutic, structured, and relationally aware support. The initial focus will be on enabling visits with his eldest and youngest children. The eldest, B13, has a diagnosis of autism and an EHCP in place. He is currently enrolled in a specialist school, is creative and tech-savvy, and enjoys gaming, YouTube, and drama classes. He thrives with routine, structure, and clear expectations. The youngest, B7, is lively and outdoorsy, with a love for swimming, adventures, and gaming. Although he currently has no formal diagnosis, assessments are underway for possible ADHD. The middle child, B10, has been diagnosed with ADHD and presents some challenging behaviours. He may be introduced to these sessions later, depending on the Sennie's experience, suitability, and the structure of the sessions.

The father is mobile and independent but has communication difficulties due to his brain injury—he understands well but has limited expressive speech. A support worker may attend initial sessions to assist communication between the father, children, and Sennie, helping to establish a trusting and successful dynamic.

The role will also include some logistical and practical responsibilities such as school pickups when needed, support with the evening routine (including supervising homework, helping with dinner, and assisting in winding down the day), and occasionally dropping the boys back to their mother's home in Iwade, which is approximately ten minutes from their father's residence. The Sennie will also be expected to maintain regular and professional communication with the children's mother, helping to coordinate schedules and transitions while providing helpful feedback on each session.

The right candidate will bring knowledge and hands-on experience of autism and ADHD, along with the ability to maintain emotional regulation, encourage connection, and manage sibling dynamics gently and effectively. NVR (Non-Violent Resistance) training is highly desirable.

This role requires a confident, patient, and compassionate professional who can hold clear boundaries while nurturing meaningful relationships. You will provide both logistical and emotional support—helping the children feel safe and engaged, while also enabling the father to rebuild and sustain positive interactions with them. Your presence will play a crucial role in creating stability, promoting healthy attachment, and ensuring that time spent together is enriching, safe, and attuned to everyone's needs.

Main duties / responsibilities:

• Facilitate and support structured, positive contact time between the father and his two children (B13 and B7), ensuring the sessions are calm, safe, and emotionally supportive

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- Use a therapeutic and relational approach to help build connection and trust between the children and their father during visits
- Support communication between the father and children, working alongside a support worker where needed to interpret and reinforce understanding
- Provide consistent routines and clear expectations to help B13 feel secure and regulated during time with his father
- Engage B13 in his preferred interests such as tech, gaming, YouTube, and creative pursuits like drama or storytelling to promote engagement and shared experiences
- Support B7's energetic and adventurous personality by encouraging safe and playful activities indoors and outdoors, such as games, park visits, or swimming
- Ensure both children feel heard, supported, and respected during contact time, adapting activities and responses to suit their individual needs and communication styles
- Monitor emotional and behavioural responses during sessions, using de-escalation techniques and providing gentle guidance and redirection as needed
- Help maintain a calm and structured environment, especially if transitioning between activities or locations becomes challenging
- Maintain professional boundaries and provide feedback to parents or professionals as needed, while always prioritising the wellbeing of the children and the father

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