**Job Description**

**Job Reference Number: GI0725LP**

**Job Title: Support Worker**

**Reporting to: Father of the son**

**Location: Inverurie**

**£13.86 per hour**

**13.5 hours per week**

**Hours will be arranged by mutual agreement**

I’m looking for a support worker to provide companionship for my 16-year-old autistic son.

At home he likes working on his laptop; designing HeroForge 3D digital models, researching the lore of The Legend of Zelda video game series, Avatar: The Last Airbender animated TV series, and combining this with real world knowledge to prepare a Dungeons & Dragons campaign for his friends. He also enjoys building Warhammer 40,000 models, watching TV series and movies, and playing video games.

I’d like your support helping him

* Socialize with people in familiar and new situations.
* Safely and successfully communicate with other people who can help him; online and in person.
* Turn his ideas into reality, making plans to achieve his goals, learning new skills such as using software apps to create models, and share his ideas
* Enjoy some outdoor activities; like visiting local parks and walks to meet dogs, or feeding birds at the river.

The kitchen table is the hub of our home. My son especially likes meals prepared from Dungeons & Dragons and Legend of Zelda inspired recipe books. If possible, I’d like you to join us for meals and help prepare them too.

**Main duties**

I will support you until you feel confident to look after my son independently.

Anticipate potential risks of all activities and maintain the safety and well-being of my son at all times.

Support and encourage my son to safely and successfully socialize with people in person and online.

Using your car, drive my son to activities he wants to attend.

Accompany my son at home, and the surrounding area on foot.

Provide companionship, sharing knowledge, wisdom, stories & jokes, to support and help guide my son toward a happy and fulfilling life.

Help my son pursue his interests & goals, supporting his self-directed education when opportunities arise, using whatever resources best support his interests and goals.

Support my son to spend time with suitable animals, meeting local dogs at the park, feeding ducks at the river.

Help my son to play and create various games including Dungeons & Dragons and Warhammer 40,000, and to design, build and paint models, at home and with local groups.

Play video games like Nintendo Mario Karts at home and with local groups.

Listen to music, radio programs and podcasts.

Suggest & watch age-appropriate TV series.

Identify when my son would benefit from some time alone and use this time to prepare future activities for him.

Support my son and I with meal preparation and share in family meals.

Support my son with household chores.

Assist with personal care if needed.

**Training**

Training will be offered and paid for by the employer.

**Annual Leave**

Annual Leave: 5.6 weeks pro rata annual leave is paid.

The employer does not recognize public holidays.

**References**

**PVG update will be required for successful applicant**

Applicants will be asked to provide two professional references, including one from their most recent employer.

**Driving**

Use of a car with business insurance is required.