

Night Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY) for B10 months

Additional needs present: Downs Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Dystonia	Location: Twickenham, TW1	Wage / Salary: £16 - £19 per hour gross. Approx. £37,440 - £44,460 per annum gross, depending on experience.	Driver: Not Essential
Live in/out: For overnight shifts, the Sennie will be mostly based in B10 months' room, where there is a comfy armchair and bed for the Sennie to sit on.	Pets: None	Days & Hours: Monday – Friday (50 hours per week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10pm – 7am (waking night) <i>Potential for the days / hours for this role to adjust to daytime support as B10 months' needs change in future.</i>	Start Date: Week commencing 19 th / 26 th February 2024, or ASAP.

Essential Skills/Traits:

- 2+ years SEN Childcare experience
- Someone with experience of supporting children with sleep difficulties
- Willingness to learn new skills and engage in training to support with B10 months' care
- Competency with NG feeding and medication (training available to those who aren't already competent)
- Responsible, alert and calm individual
- Confident providing overnight care, and desire to hold and cuddle B10 months to assist with sleeping
- Willingness to adapt and grow with the family and B10 months' needs

About the role/family: **SENNIES** is excited to support a loving, nurturing family of 3 find a calm, responsible Night Sennie for their son, B10 months. B10 months will soon be discharged from an extended stay in hospital following heart surgery and bilateral strokes, and the family are much awaiting their return home, having only spent 8 weeks out of hospital since he was born.

Mum will be staying at home to care for B10 months whilst dad works full time, and they are looking for a caring, calm, responsible Sennie who can support the family overnight. This will ensure mum and dad can get a good night's sleep and be ready to make the most of the day ahead, and focus on B10 months' continued rehabilitation.

The family hopes that the presence of a Sennie will support B10 months in having a peaceful nights sleep in his own home, and will ensure his personal care needs are taken care of throughout the night. Due to his sleep-related challenges, the Sennie is required to stay in B10 months' room (there is a comfy armchair and bed) for most of the overnight shift to monitor B10 months' wellbeing. B10 months needs to be monitored whilst he is on a feed and afterwards for any vomiting. He is currently fed via a tube over the course of an hour, at night and early in the morning. Whilst B10 months is asleep, the Sennie will support the family by preparing for the following day - washing bottles / syringes, preparing feeds, restocking the nappy bag and doing some clothes washing.

B10 months is well supported by the community care team, who will be on hand to support the Sennie's training. While prior experience in tube feeding and medication administration is preferred, it is not mandatory, as the community care team is equipped to offer guidance and training.

In future, if the chosen Sennie is interested and qualified, there may be opportunities to support with B10 months' during the day instead of overnight care.

About the child/children: **B10 months** is a curious and social little boy who enjoys singing and music classes, and LOVES watching people around him! At present, his favourite toys are his books, his singing dog toy and his twinkly lights in his bedroom. B10 months has made huge progress since leaving hospital and starting

rehabilitation through a local children's charity, and the family are excited to create their life at home for themselves.

At present, B10 months has a diagnosis of Down's Syndrome, Dystonia and Cerebral Palsy. B10 months currently has OT, SLT and physio daily at a local children's charity, to support his development. B10 months is not yet able to sit and roll, so the Sennie will be safety conscious, ensure B10 months is supported when seated and encourage development of his gross motor skills. The family are trying to improve B10 months' sleep pattern. He currently needs holding and "shhhing" to sleep, and they would like to be able to help him learn to fall asleep in his cot. Ideally, the Sennie will encourage him to sleep for longer periods at night. He currently sleeps in blocks of 2-4 hours with wake periods of 1-2 hours typically in between.

B10 months experiences Dystonia when upset or distressed, which causes discomfort and muscle contractions whilst awake. He has a dystonia medication protocol to follow in case he is not able to settle with comforting from parents or nanny. When B10 months is unsettled during the night, the Sennie will be a soothing presence and provide comforting cuddles, locate his comforters, and administer medication as necessary. The Sennie will keep a comprehensive record of feeds, medication, toileting, and wake / sleep periods for B10 months, which will be used during the handover to mum or dad in the morning. The family hopes that the Sennie will help to improve B10 months' quality of sleep and gradually require less support over the coming months.

Sensory and safety checklist: *The family have identified that B10 months:*

- *Is attracted to lights; Is fascinated by shiny objects and bright colours; Is attracted by sounds and noises (in particular voices - he loves being sung and read to); Finds gross and fine motor movements hard*

Who this role would suit:

- A kind, caring individual with a willingness to evolve with the families changing needs as B10 months develops
- Opportunity to form a long term bond with child as he develops
- Someone who has experience supporting children with a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy and / or tube feeding would be ideal – Training provided
- Someone with experience working nights and helping babies and toddlers improve their sleeping pattern
- A sole charge SEN Nanny (Sennie) and / or SEN Night Nanny

Lead Recruiter: Anita - anita@sennies.co.uk

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