

**Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY) for B17 months**

<b>Additional needs present:</b> Downs Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Dystonia, Hirschprung's Disease	<b>Location:</b> Twickenham, TW1	<b>Wage / Salary:</b> Approx. £37,000 - £44,000 per annum gross, depending on experience.	<b>Driver:</b> Not Essential
<b>Live in/out:</b> Live out. For overnight shifts, the Sennie will be mostly based in B17 months' room, where there is a comfy armchair and bed for the Sennie to sit on.	<b>Pets:</b> None	<b>Days &amp; Hours:</b> 42 hours per week within: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday: 10am - 8pm</li> <li>• Tuesday: 10am - 8pm</li> <li>• Wednesday: 10am - 8pm</li> <li>• Thursday: 12am – 8pm</li> <li>• Friday: 10am-8pm</li> </ul> <p><i>Potential for the required hours for this role to adjust as B17 months' needs change in future. Openness for evening, weekend and nights support on ad hoc basis to be agreed between Sennie and Family in advance. Openness for Travel with family for holidays.</i></p>	<b>Start Date:</b> ASAP

**Essential Skills/Traits:**

- 2+ years SEN Childcare experience
- Someone with experience of supporting children with sleep and feeding difficulties
- Willingness to learn new skills and engage in training to support with B17 months' care
- Competency with PEG feeding and medication (training available to those who aren't already competent). Experience with Stoma nice to have as expecting surgery in short term
- Responsible, alert, well organised and calm individual
- Desire to hold and cuddle B17 months to assist with sleeping day or evenings
- Aim for long term relationship with willingness to adapt and grow with the family and B17 months' needs

**About the role/family:** **SENNIES** is excited to support a loving, nurturing family of 3 find a calm, responsible Sennie for their son, B17 months. Mum will be staying at home to care for B17 months whilst dad works full time, and they are looking for a caring, calm, responsible Sennie who can support the family during the day and potentially ad hoc overnight shifts. This will ensure mum and dad have the support needed to focus on B17 months' continued rehabilitation, treatments and allow respite.

B17 months is well supported by the community care team, who will be on hand to support the Sennie's training. While prior experience in PEG feeding and medication administration is preferred, it is not mandatory, as the community care team can offer guidance and training. The Sennie will work as part of a team with mum to divide and conquer with regards to B17 months' care. In particular, the Sennie will provide nap time support during the day as B17 months needs holding currently during his naps. Once confident and relationship built expect some periods of time alone with B17 to enable mum to attend to appointments and self care.

Throughout the week, 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. The Sennie will support in developing and implementing weaning plans to develop a range of feeding. The Sennie will be needed to travel to appointments with B17 months and mum. Appointments may be ad hoc at the hospital or regular appointments each week include physio, music therapy, hydro and communications classes.

The Sennie would also be willing to travel with the family on holiday. Currently ambitions are only to travel within the UK, in particular to family in Wales and North of England, as B17 months does not tolerate the car for extended periods and prefers public transport. Hopes are in the future this may include overseas travel. The Sennie must be willing to support overnight on an occasional basis to enable respite.

**About the child/children:** **B17 months** is a curious and social little boy who enjoys singing and music classes, and LOVES watching people around him! At present, his favourite things are his piano, his singing dog toy, staring at trees on walks and his twinkly lights in his bedroom. B17 months has made significant progress since leaving hospital and starting rehabilitation through a local children's charity, and the family are excited to continue building their life at home.

At present, B17 months has a diagnosis of Down's Syndrome, Dystonia, Cerebral Palsy and Hirschsprung's condition. B17 months currently has OT, SLT and physio regularly with his community team. B17 months is not yet able to sit and roll, so the Sennie will be safety conscious, ensure B17 months is supported when seated and encourage development of his gross motor skills. The family would like to improve B17 months' sleeping. He currently needs holding and "shhhing" to sleep, and they would like to be able to help him learn to transition into his cot while asleep and eventually fall asleep in his cot.

B17 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 Sennie. When B17 months is sleeping, 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 B17 months using the BabyConnect app.

**Sensory and safety checklist:** *The family have identified that B17 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 B17 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 PEG feeding would be ideal – Training provided
- Someone with experience working nights and helping babies and toddlers improve their sleeping pattern
- Experience in Stoma management with expected surgery upcoming
- A sole charge SEN Nanny (Sennie) and / or SEN Night Nanny

**Lead Recruiter:** Anita - [anita@sennies.co.uk](mailto:anita@sennies.co.uk)

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