

Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY/MANNY) for B16

Additional needs present: Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy	Location: Hampstead, London, NW3	Wage / Salary: Approx £43,680 per annum gross	Driver: Non-Essential
Live in/out: Live in only for the overnight shifts Accommodation: For overnight shifts, there is an en-suite bedroom opposite B16's room	Pets: Small caged animals	Days & Hours: 40 hours per week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesdays 3.15pm to Thursday 9.15am • Thursdays 3.15pm to 6.15pm • Fridays 3.15pm to Saturday 10.15am 	Start Date: ASAP

Essential Skills/Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2+ years of SEN childcare experience • Basic Makaton Skills - further tools and training provided • A playful and energetic person who can also be calm and supportive • Someone happy to work within a family context • Someone proactive, calm, patient, yet fun and playful • An active person who enjoys the outdoors and can support B16 and ensure his safety whilst enjoying outside spaces • Someone who has a positive outlook on life with an open mind • Fully vaccinated against COVID-19 	Desirable Skills/Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of seizures and tube feeding are preferable, but not required • Cerebral Palsy experience
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About the role/family: **SENNIES** is excited to support a warm and friendly family of 4 to find a professional Sennie to join their care team to support B16. They have a great team in place and previous carers have stayed for many years, proving this is a great role and family to join!

The family are looking for a Sennie to care for their teenage son in the afternoon, overnight and in the morning in the family home. The family can provide an en-suite room whilst on duty, and they have a Nest camera set up in B16's room, so he can be monitored overnight. The night is 'on-call', NOT 'waking night' and the Sennie will only need to respond if B16 is in pain, requires specific help or is unsettled thus waking up the rest of the house.

About the child/children: **B16** is a sociable, fun-loving and mostly calm teen who loves being out and about and has a keen interest in all types of transport, i.e. planes, trains, and automobiles. B16 is also really into his music and is often found lost in a song or band.

B16 has cerebral palsy, has experienced nighttime tonic clonic seizures (and is on anti-epileptic medication which the Sennie would need to administer) and has had sleep-related challenges since he was a baby.

B16 often has a somewhat disturbed night: restless leg syndrome causes kicking, and he may experience pain in the night. However, he normally has a few good chunks of sleep, and if he isn't loud or in pain then he can just get on with falling back to sleep by himself. As the rest of the house will be asleep, it is important the selected Sennie supports B16 in remaining calm without waking the rest of the house until morning routine time begins, if he does get upset. He is most often dry overnight, but if he has severe pain he does sometimes lose sphincter control, and may need changing in the night. He rarely wets the bed, though the bed is set up to minimise disturbance if this does happen.

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The family are looking for a Sennie to assist with all of B16's overnight needs (2 nights per week) as well as support his independence to help him lead a stimulating and fun life.

B16 has Occupational therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech and Language therapy at school, and also a Music therapist, massage therapist and different physiotherapists who support him at home. All encouragement and praise are welcomed by the family within their home.

B16 has medications which the Sennie must be confident administering (training provided), however, proficiency with numeracy is a must to ensure measurements/dosage is correct. Previous experience with EpiPen is not essential, but must be confident in the ability to learn and show a keen interest in supporting B16 in all areas of his development and care.

The family also have an 10-year-old son who is neurotypical and will not need support from the selected Sennie.

Key areas of development:

- Support the family to improve B16's sleep challenges, with guidance from specialists
- Build upon B16's independence
- Support B16 in leading a stimulating, fun life

- Support the physiotherapist with sessions, and be willing to do some exercises unsupported if physio is away/off sick

Sensory and safety checklist: *The family have identified that B16...*

- Does not seem to know where his body is in space
- Has poor balance
- Quite clumsy
- Often bumps into people and objects
- Needs to be reminded to look where he is going

Who this role would suit:

- A Sennie with hands-on SEN experience and a desire to work in SEN childcare
- Someone with experience in or qualified as a physiotherapist (not a deal breaker, but a great skill!)
- Someone who has experience supporting children with a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy, Seizures/Epilepsy and/or tube feeding would be ideal – Training provided
- A Sole charge SEN Nanny (Sennie) and/or SEN Night Nanny
- Someone confident with:
 - Makaton or basic Makaton
 - PECS
 - My choice - communication app

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

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