

Job Description – DE861

PLEASE NOTE – WHEN COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE REFERENCE NUMBER IS INCLUDED ON THE FORM. IF THE REFERENCE NUMBER IS NOT COMPLETED, THE APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED.

This post will require you to work as a Personal Assistant to an older lady living in the Eckington area. Two or three calls per day are needed. Exact days and times to be negotiated, but you will need to be able to work extra hours when needed to provide cover when other staff are off.

Initially a temporary position to cover sickness, 16 hours per week, Monday to Friday, but a permanent member of staff for Saturday and Sunday is also needed. The permanent weekend position will be 5 to 6 hours per week

£8.00 per hour – All hours worked paid at flat rate, no enhancement for weekends or bank holidays.

Duties will include:

- Assisting with washing and dressing in the morning, with bathing, hair washing and undressing in the evening
- Assisting with meal preparation, ensuring that meals are eaten
- Laundry – loading the washing machine, also unloading and hanging laundry up to dry as appropriate
- Making a list of what shopping is required
- Ensuring that out of date food is discarded
- Giving of medication and recording this
- Liaison with the employer's family

A car driver with own car would be an advantage so that the employer can be taken on short trips out. You will need to have insurance cover that includes use for business

Personal Qualities.

A personal assistant must be:

- Trustworthy
- Reliable and Responsible
- Discrete and respect the importance of confidentiality
- Conscientious
- Responsive to instructions

- Capable of taking a back seat
- Sensitive and observant enough to know when their assistance is needed
- Flexible and adaptable
- Lively and outgoing with a good sense of humour
- Patient and tolerant of other's difficulties.
- Able to recognise the boundaries of the role and to remain within these
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Personal Assistants Responsibilities.

- Arrive at the scheduled time, ready to work. Notify if you are going to be arriving late when possible, give advanced notice of holiday leave and whenever possible sick leave. **Punctuality and reliability are essential.**
- If problems or queries arise, it is important to discuss and resolve them immediately with the individual and with his carers, when working on a one to one basis, it is important to be as open in your communication as possible.
- Since you will have access to confidential information concerning all aspects of the person's life, it is important that you respect the privacy of the person you are working with. Try to be discrete and professional at all times.
- Respect the lifestyle, routine and opinions of the person with whom you work. Do not interfere or impose your own judgments and opinions unless requested to do so. Remember, your job is to enable the person to lead an independent lifestyle of **their** choosing.
- Assistants should respect the possessions and home of the individual; your 'workplace' is their home. Use of the telephone, heating etc is at the individual's prerogative.

Learning the Job.

The employer is the person best qualified to know what their needs are and how they can be best assisted. The best way to learn the tasks involved is by listening to the employer's requests, by working with his carers and asking for guidance when necessary. Most difficulties can be resolved by the personal assistant and the employer working together.

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