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Relief Support Worker

Reference: 82126

Dudley Supported Living Service – Kingswinford

Thank you for your interest in the above post, please find the specific role requirements and duties for this post detailed within this document. When completing the application form you may submit additional documentation however we cannot accept a CV as a completed application.

Closing Date: 9 January 2025

Once you have submitted your application form allow *7 working days* after the closing date for a response. Please return the application form by email to recruitment@creativesupport.co.uk or by post to Recruitment, Creative Support, Head Office, Wellington House, 131 Wellington Road, Stockport, SK1 3TS.

We are very much looking forward to receiving a completed application from you.

Yours Faithfully

Recruitment Department

All candidates are subjected to enhanced DBS checks.

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JOB DESCRIPTION – RELIEF SUPPORT WORKERS
Dudley Supported Living Service – Kingswinford



Hours: Zero hours contract (as required).

Responsible to: Service Manager/ Team Leaders / Senior Support Workers

The Role:

To provide individualised support to people with learning disabilities in a supported living setting, to promote their quality of life and personal development. You will engage with service users and build trusting therapeutic relationships, working within to encourage wellbeing and positive coping skills. Your role will include offering support to service users in their own homes or in other settings as part of a structured approach and offering respite to carers and practical and emotional support to families as appropriate. To work closely with other professionals and agencies to provide a co-ordinated service which meets the identified needs of the individuals.

Main Duties

1. To develop warm and trusting relationships with service users to encourage them to express their needs, views and concerns.
2. To respect the service user's right to privacy and to ensure that their dignity is maintained at all times.
3. To be flexible and responsive to the needs of service users as directed by their Individual Support Plans.
4. To support service users with personal care, taking heed of moving and handling protocols.
5. To advise and support service users in all aspects of managing their tenancy and maintaining the safety, hygiene and comfort of their home.
6. To promote the service user's self esteem and enable them to express their preferences and make choices and decisions.
7. To enhance the confidence and coping abilities of service users through encouragement and positive feedback. To enable service users to develop skills in planning and self organisation and to encourage them to maintain appointments and commitments.
8. To advise, encourage and support service users so as to maximise their self care and independent living skills.
9. To support service users in budgeting and managing their finances and to ensure that they are able to maximise their income by liaising with Welfare Rights agencies.
10. To support service users in meeting their cultural and spiritual needs and in expressing their personal identity.
11. To encourage service users to identify their strengths and interests and to support service users in accessing social, leisure, education and work activities. To promote the personal development

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of service users through developing support plans which outline goals and aspirations for the future.

- 12.** To enable service users to participate in their local communities and to enjoy the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
- 13.** To encourage service users to take as much responsibility as possible for their own physical and mental health and to access primary health care and other services. To promote a healthy lifestyle and to give person-centred advice and support in respect of diet, exercise, stress reduction, smoking cessation and weight management.
- 14.** To assist in monitoring service users' health and general well-being and to inform the Manager/Support Co-ordinator, CPN/Care Manager and relevant agencies of any concerns or significant changes in their needs and circumstances. To report any concerns regarding children or vulnerable adults with immediate effect to the Registered Manager or the Duty/On Call Manager.
- 15.** To support service users in complying with prescribed medication and self medication programmes. To liaise with the service user's Consultant, GP and CPN in respect of compliance with prescribed medication. To report all side effects related to medication.
- 16.** To work within agreed risk management guidelines and to assist service users in reducing risks to themselves or others. To promptly report all concerns regarding risks to senior staff, the Duty Manager/On Call Manager and relevant agencies.
- 17.** To maintain a high standard of customer care and to encourage feedback from service users and other agencies. To promptly report and document all complaints, suggestions and feedback.
- 17.** To provide respite for carers and maintain a warm and responsive approach to families and to report their feedback and concerns.
- 18.** To take appropriate action in the event of emergencies, ensuring that the Registered Manager or the On Call Manager is informed promptly.
- 19.** To follow Health and Safety guidelines carefully and to alert the Registered Manager immediately of any concerns in relation to Health and Safety issues.
- 20.** To ensure that accurate records are kept in the prescribed format. To document all work undertaken in support of service users, their general progress, any concerns and any communication or liaison with other agencies.
- 21.** To ensure that all financial transactions relating to the project or service users are promptly and accurately recorded within the agreed guidelines.
- 22.** To contribute to service users' reviews, through the provision of verbal and written reports and by attending Support Planning and Review Meetings. To work within the framework of the CPA and to liaise with the Care Co-ordinator and other professionals on a regular basis.
- 23.** To fulfil the role of Key Worker as required, under the direction of a senior member of staff.

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Other

1. To notify your Line Manager of planned whereabouts and to submit accurate timesheets weekly.
2. To provide regular verbal and written reports to your Line Manager.
3. To accept regular support and supervision from your Line Manager.
4. To carry out all work in a manner consistent with the aims of the project and the service principles adopted by Creative Support.
5. To comply with Creative Support's Equal Opportunities Policy.
6. To maintain confidentiality at all times, in accordance with the agreed policy.
7. To identify training needs in discussion with your Line Manager and to attend training events and courses as required.
8. To observe any written policies, procedures and guidelines for good practice agreed by Creative Support.
9. To undertake on the role of Shift Co-ordinator when required.
10. All employees should be aware that due to the nature of work Creative Support undertakes there is a requirement to support service users with daily living skills and individual activities which will include moving and handling and may involve supporting people with personal care needs
11. Any other duties as required.

| | QUALITIES REQUIRED | How assessed? | Essential/ Desirable |
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| 1 | Good verbal communication skills and ability to listen sensitively to others | Interview | Essential |
| 2 | Good written communication skills, with an ability to contribute to a record keeping system | Interview | Essential |
| 3 | Good interpersonal skills, particularly with a view to working pro-actively with family members | Interview | Essential |
| 4 | Ability to work as part of a team | Interview | Essential |
| 5 | A thorough understanding of physical sensory disabilities and dysphagia support needs | Application & Interview | Essential |
| 6 | Ability to provide sympathetic, emotional and practical support to service users | Application & Interview | Essential |
| 7 | A common sense approach to problem solving and an ability to deal with conflict and distress | Application & Interview | Essential |
| 8 | Ability to work without direct supervision in service user's home | Application & Interview | Essential |
| 9 | Ability to liaise in a professional manner with other agencies | Interview | Essential |
| 10 | An understanding of the aims and principles of Creative Support | Interview | Essential |
| 11 | Understanding of Equal Opportunities Policies adopted by Creative Support | Interview | Essential |
| 12 | Experience of providing care, support or other services to adults with support needs | Application & Interview | Essential |
| 13 | Experience of working with people with learning disabilities | Application Form | Desirable |
| 14 | Experience of working with and relating to people from a wide variety of backgrounds | Application & Interview | Essential |
| 15 | Willingness to work flexible hours including unsocial hours according to needs of service users | Interview | Essential |
| 16 | Willingness to attend training courses and events | Interview | Essential |
| 17 | Willing to participate in regular supervision with line manager | Interview | Essential |
| 18 | To have a valid driving license | Application Form | Essential |

TERMS AND CONDITIONS – RELIEF SUPPORT WORKERS
Dudley Supported Living Service – Kingswinford



Salary:

£11.90 per hour.

Hours of Work:

As required

Holidays:

You will receive paid holiday hours in respect of holidays which have been accrued. Payments will be calculated as an average, using hours worked over the preceding 12 week period up to a maximum of 180 hours (24 days) per holiday year. Holiday pay is not automatically given and these must be requested.

Probationary Period:

The first four months will constitute a probationary period. When this is successfully completed, employment will be confirmed.

Sickness Policy:

You will not be entitled to company sick pay.

Disclosure Checks:

All appointments will be subject to DBS enhanced disclosure and ISA checks.

Sona App:

It is mandatory for all bank staff to sign up for the Sona app which is used to advertise available shifts

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