**Job Description**

**Job Title:** Personal Care Assistant – ST/GTD

**Location:** Gateshead

**Hours:** 26 hours per week

**Rate of Pay:** £13.41 per hour (with double pay. for public holidays)

**Training Provided:** Yes

**DBS Checks:** Required

**Special Requirements:** PEG Feeding Assistance

**Extra shifts available**

**5.6 weeks holiday per year**

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We are looking for a compassionate and skilled Personal Care Assistant to provide 24-hour care for a 57-year-old man with Huntington’s Disease. The individual requires support with complex needs, including PEG feeding, personal care, and medication management. This role offers a rewarding opportunity to make a significant impact on the quality of life of someone with complex healthcare needs.

**Key Responsibilities:**

Provide continuous 24-hour care, including personal hygiene, and dressing

Assist with PEG feeding and ensure that the individual’s nutritional needs are met safely and effectively.

Administer medication as per care plan and monitor for any changes in condition.

Support with emotional well-being, ensuring social interaction and engagement in meaningful activities.

Maintain a safe and comfortable environment, adhering to all health and safety regulations.

Work closely with healthcare professionals to monitor symptoms of Huntington's Disease and implement changes to the care plan as required.

Keep accurate records of care provided and report any significant changes to the relevant team members.

Assist with daily activities such as peg feeding and light housekeeping tasks.

**Skills and Qualifications:**

Experience in a care or healthcare role is desirable with at least one year in the care sector.

Training will be provided, including in PEG feeding and complex care needs.

A compassionate, patient, and attentive approach to care.

Excellent communication skills and ability to work as part of a team.

Ability to follow detailed care plans and procedures.

DBS check is required (can be processed upon application).

Understanding of Huntington’s Disease is beneficial but not essential as training can be provided.

**Additional Information:**

Shift patterns include 24-hour care and shifts are already in place.

Competitive pay rate of £13.41 per hour, with double pay for public holidays.

Full training and support will be provided, including specialist care techniques.

Opportunity for career progression and further training within the healthcare sector.

If you are dedicated to providing high-quality care and are looking for an opportunity to make a real difference, we would love to hear from you. Apply today to join our caring team and help support an individual living with Huntington's Disease in the comfort of his home.

**Person Specification**

**Must have Level 2 or be willing to work towards a level 2 qualification in care or Health and Social Care**

**Experience of working in Healthcare/social care**

* Be able to meet the physical demands of the post.
* Be calm and patient
* Be willing to learn
* Be able to provide person centred support
* Be willing to work under my and my families direction
* Not smoke in our home or in my presence
* Have good general health
* Be reliable and punctual
* Keep information gained in the course of your employment confidential
* Respect my privacy and that of our family
* Not discuss our household and domestic circumstances with others, other than with our specific permission
* Be able to accept responsibility and work on your own initiative
* Be patient when doing repeated tasks
* Be able to respond appropriately in an emergency
* Clear spoken English is required due to communication needs.