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| Job Title: | Occupational Associate (PA) SDS/JG/054 |
| Hourly Rate: | £9.50 per hour (Probationary), £10.00 per hour Ongoing |
| Hours of Work: | 8 hours per week (flexible pattern) plus Holiday Cover and possibly Respite Opportunities. |
| Location of Work: | Cowdenbeath and community outreach |
| Contract Type: | Permanent |
| Qualifications Required: | No formal qualifications required. See Person Specification. |
|  | A full clean driving licence is desirable but not essential. |
| Additional information: | This role requires an enhanced check through PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) |
| Closing date: | Friday 30 April 2021 |

**Role**

You will offer support and companionship to a profoundly Autistic gentleman who is socially and cognitively impaired.

The Occupational aspect of the position will promote, encourage and facilitate an active lifestyle for the gentleman both at home and out in the community. As well as offering support in existing activities, you will be asked to seek and develop new opportunities as part of a team committed to this enterprise.

The Associate aspect of the position will offer companionship, security and advocacy for the gentleman where the goal for the entire team will be to build and sustain his confidence, both in himself and in his wider community. Working toward a familiar and accepting relationship between both parties is a key component toward success in this role.

It is important to recognise that the gentleman in question is a complex individual with a Critical Level of Support Needs and presents with a complicated range of behaviours which require a confident and patient approach.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

* Provision of support for social and leisure activities.
* Providing companionship and working toward a relationship of trust and mutual respect.
* Assisting with general and personal care needs.
* Adoption of strategies which promote engagement with the wider world whilst also advocating for the safety of the individual and others in his vicinity.
* Communicating as part of a team ideas, observations and concerns relating to the emotional and physical welfare of the individual.

For further information and to obtain a copy of the application pack for this post please visit <https://www.sdsoptionsfife.org.uk/employers-adverts.html>

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