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Relief Support Worker

Job Description

Reporting to **The Registered Manager at the Relevant Home**

Code of Conduct

A [Code of Conduct](#) applies to Adult Social Care Workers (and Healthcare Support Workers) in England, meaning workers should:

1. Be accountable by making sure you can answer for your actions or omissions.
2. Promote and uphold the privacy, dignity, rights, health and wellbeing of people who use health and care services and their carers at all times.
3. Work in collaboration with your colleagues to ensure the delivery of high quality, safe and compassionate healthcare, care and support.
4. Communicate in an open, and effective way to promote the health, safety and wellbeing of people who use health and care services and their carers.
5. Respect a person's right to confidentiality.
6. Strive to improve the quality of healthcare, care and support through continuing professional development.
7. Uphold and promote equality, diversity and inclusion.

Duties

- **Act in accordance with the Code of Conduct**
- **The care, safety & supervision** of people being supported by the company.
- **Act to meet the individual needs** of people supported by the company. Assist in the development of our understanding of those needs and how these should be best met.
- Develop **effective working relationships and communication** with colleagues, supervisors and other stakeholders.
- **Identify, report and minimise risks** to people, e.g. risks to people being supported, to yourself, to colleagues and members of the public.

- Cooperate with the development & implementation of:
 - Company policies & procedures
 - Individual strategies, approaches and care plans aiming to safely and effectively meet people's needs
 - Plans, structures and routines agreed by to ensure the safe and effective running of the home
- **Ensure the home is safe**, clean, tidy and well-maintained inside and out and that resources under your control are safe, well cared for and fit-for-purpose, e.g. any vehicles provided.
- Ensure you **keep timely, factual records**, including digital reports, logs and records which support the company's legal, reporting, quality and audit assurance obligations.
- Working as part of the team to ensure the home complies with industry standards, requirements and regulatory recommendations, (e.g. The Care Quality Commission (CQC), The Health and Safety Executive.
- Respect the fact that the role will involve access to privileged information about the needs of vulnerable individuals, their families and representatives and that there is a need to respect and maintain **confidentiality**.
- Ensure that you maintain **personal integrity** and can be approached by employees with worries or concerns, knowing this will be dealt with professionally, in confidence.
- Ensure you are aware of, and adhere to company and local authority **safeguarding** standards, practices, policies and procedures.
- Ensure you are aware of, and adhere to **Fire and Health & Safety** regulations and fire evacuation procedures in any company premises.
- Where possible try to attend **team meetings** so you are aware of current needs, team strategies, approaches and direction.
- Ensure you attend **training** to ensure you remain suitably trained, competent, confident. That you remain aligned with current best practice and capable of fulfilling your delegated responsibilities to required standards.
- Be prepared to **work flexibly**.
- Carry out any other duties as are within the scope, spirit and purpose of the job, the title of the post and its grading, as requested by your supervisor or their nominated other.
- Other tasks or activities not specifically covered by this job description. **Employment conditions can sometimes be unpredictable**. Working with people, particularly those with complex needs, learning disabilities and challenging behaviour, can create circumstances that team members need to adapt and respond to. Those best suited to this kind of work will be those who can adapt and be flexible and build a level of resilience in the face of such challenges.

Person Specification	Criteria		Assessed at	
	Essential	Desirable	Application	Interview
Qualifications - To have undertaken, or will undertake and complete within 3 months, the Care Certificate		✓	✓	
To have an NVQ 2 in Health and Social Care or equivalent		✓	✓	
Experience - Some knowledge or experience of learning disabilities, to include Autistic Spectrum Conditions and challenging behaviour		✓	✓	✓
To have worked in a previous social care setting		✓	✓	
To have worked as part of a team		✓	✓	✓
Skills - Ability to complete written reports on a laptop or computer	✓		✓	
Use of ICT equipment and programmes such as Word and Internet Explorer	✓		✓	✓
Excellent listening, verbal and written communication skills	✓		✓	✓
Personally resilient to the emotional challenges of working with people who display challenging behaviour or who have complex emotional needs. While we take appropriate steps to manage risks associated with stress, this is an intrinsically challenging occupation that will not be suitable to all.	✓		✓	✓
To be able to work using own initiative and remain calm in challenging situations	✓		✓	✓

Ability to follow written instructions and adhere to company policy	☒	☐	☒	☐
Personal qualities - To recognise and respect the importance of diversity of individuals	☒	☐	☒	☒
Discreet, diplomatic and able to treat information confidentially	☒	☐	☐	☒
High levels of personal motivation with the ability to motivate others	☒	☐	☐	☒
Committed to safeguarding and the provision of providing first class care for vulnerable people	☒	☐	☒	☒
Other - Good health and work attendance records*	☒	☐	☒	☐
Valid driving license and use of car	☐	☒	☒	☐
Suitable physical fitness in order to move and implement physical interventions for individuals at times of high risk situations	☒	☐	☒	☒

*Unless absence from work can be explained and validated where required