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Female Support Worker (Maternity Cover) – 6 months cover

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Harborne (Birmingham) – Learning Disability Supported Living Service

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: 04 December 2026

Once you have submitted your application form allow *14 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

Gender is considered to be an occupational requirement – Equality Act 2010

JOB DESCRIPTION – FEMALE SUPPORT WORKER (MATERNITY COVER)

Harborne – Learning Disability Supported Living Service

Hours: 37.5 hour contract for 6 months. You will be required to work flexibly, including evenings and weekends, to meet the needs of the service.

Responsible to: Team Leader and Senior Service Manager

The Role: To provide individualised support to individuals with disabilities/Autism and mental health needs. The role will be supporting individuals in their own home as well as in the community.

1. Support Work Duties:

1.1 Develop warm, trusting relationships with service users to encourage them to express needs, views and concerns.

1.2 Promote the self-esteem and emotional health of service users.

1.3 Respect service user's right to privacy and ensure that their dignity is maintained.

1.4 Encourage and support service users to express needs, views and concerns. Enable service users make choices and decisions and participate as fully as possible in planning and decision-making processes.

1.5 Respect and promote the rights and entitlements of people with learning disabilities/autism/mental health and complex needs and enable them to participate as fully as possible within the local community.

1.6 Carry out the role of key worker and enable service users to achieve their goals and aspirations by working alongside them to develop and implement within their person centred plans. Be responsive to changing needs and preferences.

1.7 Support service users in maintaining the safety, security and comfort of their homes. Support service users in understanding and adhering to the terms and conditions of their tenancy agreement and in enjoying the rights and responsibilities of being a tenant.

1.8 Enable service users to gain independence, confidence and competence in following areas:

- Social skills/relationships
- Personal care & hygiene
- Daily living skills
- Managing money
- Using community resources and facilities
- Social, leisure and work activities
- Self-organisation and coping abilities
- Personal safety

Achieve this through practical assistance, support, therapeutic recreation and education sessions, teaching, advice, role modelling, encouragement and positive feedback.

1.9 Support service users in claiming their full benefit entitlement, budgeting and managing personal finances.

1.10 Provide respectful personal care following needs, wishes and preferences outlined in personal support plans.

1.11 Support people to enjoy a wide range of activities within their home and community which meets their needs. Support service users in developing a socially valued lifestyle, including culturally and age appropriate experiences, building on strengths, interests and aspirations of service users. Enable people to access social, leisure, work and educational opportunities.

1.12 Ensure that service users receive advice, care and regular health checks to ensure physical and mental wellbeing. Promote nutrition, relaxation, exercise and a healthy lifestyle. Observe and monitor service users' emotional and physical wellbeing and inform relevant staff and involved professionals of concerns or significant changes in needs, behaviour and circumstances.

1.13 Offer positive behaviour support to individuals who express frustrations and needs through behaviour that challenges by using appropriate strategies, inclusive of CITRUS techniques, management protocols and guidelines agreed with the multi-disciplinary team, following training in this area.

1.14 Collaborate with families of service users and involved professionals to provide a consistent service to meet individual needs. Encourage and support connections with families and friends. Positively and respectfully communicate with families and involved professionals.

1.15 Follow risk management strategies outlined in individual risk management plans. Work in a safe and responsible manner to safeguard vulnerable service users from harm whilst ensuring they are able to make choices, enjoy new experiences and live a full life.

1.16 Ensure that vulnerable adults and children are safeguarded from harm. Comply with Creative Support and Birmingham Council's safeguarding policy and procedures and promptly report concerns regarding vulnerable adults or children to the Council, the Registered Manager and the Duty/On Call Manager.

1.17 Assist service users in the administration and monitoring of prescribed medication in accordance with the both the local and corporate medication policies.

1.18 Take appropriate action in the event of unforeseen emergencies, ensuring that the Project Manager and/or the on-call manager are informed promptly.

1.19 Follow Health and Safety guidelines and promptly alert the Team Leader of Health and Safety concerns.

1.20 Conduct and record financial transactions involving service users within agency guidelines.

1.21 Carry out general administrative duties, housing management tasks and services as required.

1.22 Contribute to service users' reviews, through verbal and written reports and by attending Support Planning meetings.

1.23 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 activities which will include moving and handling and personal care.

1.24 Provide respectful personal care following needs, wishes and preferences outlined in personal support plans. Some individuals will require support with physical/mobility disabilities and may require support in wheelchairs, using hoists and other appropriate equipment to meet personal needs.

1.25 To work effectively with your colleagues to ensure the smooth running of the service, this also includes the willingness to accept supervision and attend team meetings.

2. General Duties:

2.1 Notify Line Manager of planned whereabouts and to submit accurate timesheets weekly.

2.2 Accept support, supervision and guidance from senior colleagues.

2.3 Identify own training needs with line manager and attend training events and courses.

2.4 Carry out all work in a manner consistent with the aims of the project and the service principles adopted by Creative Support.

2.5 Ensure that you and other staff, volunteers and students on placement comply with the following:

- Health and Safety policies and Equal Opportunities Policy
- Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults, including immediate reporting of safeguarding concerns to the Council, the Registered Manager and the Duty/On Call Manager.
- Confidentiality and data protection
- Health and Social Care Act 2008, including active prevention and control of infection within the capacity of the role
- All Creative Support policies, procedures and guidelines for best practice

2.6 There is a requirement to support service users with daily living skills and individual activities, including moving and handling and personal care.

2.7 Work flexibly to meet the needs of the service. This may include day, evening, weekend and sleep in shifts which may also be split shifts.

2.8 Take on the role of shift co-ordinator when required.

2.9 To support service users to imbed culture within their day to day lives

2.10 Any other duties as required.

PERSON SPECIFICATION – FEMALE SUPPORT WORKER (MATERNITY COVER)

Harborne – Learning Disability Supported Living Services

	QUALITIES REQUIRED	How Assessed	Essential/ Desirable
1	Ability to demonstrate a warm and person centred approach to individuals with Autism, Learning Disabilities and Mental Health	Interview	Essential
2	Experience of providing care or support to people with a learning disability	Application & Interview	Desirable
3	Possession of NVQ or other relevant social care qualification	Application	Desirable
4	Degree level qualification	Application	Desirable
5	A warm, respectful and person centred approach to people with learning disabilities and complex needs	Interview	Essential
6	Excellent written, verbal and non-verbal communication skills and the ability to listen sensitively to others and the ability to support in the updating of support plans	Interview	Essential
7	Work constructively and co-operatively as part of a team and to demonstrate self-motivation and initiative	Interview	Essential
8	Ability to work safely and responsibly without direct supervision in service user's own homes	Interview	Essential
9	Work safely and responsibly without direct supervision in service user's own home and in the community.	Interview	Essential
10	Support service users with physical health needs; this may include pushing wheelchairs and using hoists for which a degree of physical fitness will be required.	Application, Pre-Emps & Interview	Essential
11	A clean driving licence and willingness to drive service users in own (staff's) car	Application	Desirable
12	Experience of providing care, support or other services to individuals with a variety of needs.	Application Form	Essential

TERMS AND CONDITIONS – FEMALE SUPPORT WORKER (MATERNITY COVER)
Harborne - Birmingham Learning Disability Support Service

Salary:	**£12.85 per hour**
Please Note: *Our pay date is the 15th of each month (or the Friday before if this falls on a Saturday or Sunday). You will be paid in arrears for the previous 4/5 weeks, dependent on your starting date within the month.*	

Hours of Work:
Full time and part time hours available to be worked flexibly according to the needs of the service. This may include mornings, evenings, weekends and public holidays.

Holidays:
20 days plus 8 statutory days pro rata

Birthday Holiday Bonus:
All employees are entitled to one additional day (pro rata for part time employees) annual leave to be taken two weeks either side of your birth date. If you do not take this additional day within that period you will lose this entitlement for that year. Staff who are on maternity, paternity, adoption and sick leave at the time of their birthday will be entitled to take this additional leave upon their return to work.

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

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

Probationary Bonus:
After the probationary period has been satisfactorily completed your further employment will be confirmed. Upon successful completion of your probationary period you will be entitled to a one off £100 bonus pro rata (subject to tax), providing all induction processes have been completed satisfactorily and upon completion and submission of you end of probationary review paperwork.

Sickness Policy:
Creative Support operates a discretionary company sick pay benefit scheme which is for the purposes of preventing hardship during times of serious illness. The eligibility criteria and conditions for payment of Company Sick Pay (inclusive of SSP) are shown in the Employee Handbook. You may be eligible for Company Sick Pay benefits subject to compliance with these criteria as follows:-

- Creative Support do pay Statutory Sickness Pay for the first three days of **any** sickness absence.
- First twelve months service - Not eligible for Company Sick Pay though you may be entitled to SSP.
- Twelve months to twenty four months service - Up to a maximum of four weeks at full pay.
- Twenty Four months plus service - Up to a maximum of eight weeks at full pay followed by four weeks at half pay.

Pension:

Creative Support operates an auto-enrolment pension scheme with the People's Pension.

Life Assurance:
Currently set at two time's basic annual salary. Staff become members of a non-contributory group life assurance scheme after 6 month employment. This scheme provides a death in service benefit of two time's annual salary. Participation in this scheme is subject to the rules of the scheme as amended from time to time. We reserve the right to discontinue, vary or amend its life assurance scheme at any time on reasonable notice to you.

Discretionary Benefits:
Creative Support offers discretionary benefits in addition to statutory benefits. These include:

- Paid paternity leave
- Enhanced maternity leave
- Compassionate leave
- Carer's leave up to 5 days per annum

Employee Assistance Service:
This is currently administered by Health Assured. This is a completely free service, offering valuable advice on benefits, financial matters, consumer advice, health and legal issues. There is also a free counselling service which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Anything discussed with Health Assured is completely confidential and will not be shared with Creative Support.

Hospital Saturday Fund:
An easy and affordable way to help you spread the cost of healthcare such as dental, optical & physiotherapy.

Annual Rail Ticket:
Discounted annual rail season ticket plans available to employees through Northern Rail.

Payroll Giving:
Administered by Charities Trust, a tax efficient was of donating a regular basis to any of the registered charities either large or small.

WeCare Awards:
Recognising dedicated staff across the organisation with standard, silver and gold awards given out every 2 months.

Your Rewards:
Employee benefits and discount vouchers available through the Your Rewards website.
Long service: Awarded in the December following your 10, 15, 20 and 25 year anniversary of your continuous service date with the organisation.

Retirement Awards:
£100 bonus should you choose to retire whilst employed by Creative Support. Eligible for all permanent contracted employees with at least two years continuous service.

Refer a Friend Scheme:

Staff who successfully refer a friend to Creative Support's employment can claim £100 worth of vouchers when their friend starts and another set of £100 worth of vouchers when their friend passes the End of Probationary Review after four months of employment

Welcome Back Grant:
£200 worth of vouchers for employees who return to the organisation who had have at least six months between resigning from their original post and taking up their new role.

Uniform:
If applicable for your service you will be provided with a uniform. The amount of uniforms that provided will be depended on your hours worked.

Company mobile phone and laptop:
If applicable to your job role the provision of a mobile smart phone, laptop and a 3G/4G dongle may be provided. Please note the employee will be liable for any damage or theft of these devices.

Travel Expenses:
These will be paid in accordance with the organisation Travel Expenses policy, please contact the HR Department for a copy of this.

Lease Cars/Car Allowance:
A mileage allowance is payable for the use of employee's car on organisation business. The organisation will reimburse your costs incurred on organisation business on a monthly business upon receipt of authorised claim forms. If you use a car on organisation business you will be required to have business use insurance. An employee's certificate of insurance must be made available for inspection on commencing employment.

Care Certificate and Level 2/3 Health & Social Care Diploma:
All employees will be required to undertake and complete the Care Certificate. Following the successful completion of the probationary period staff are automatically enrolled onto Level 3 Health and Social Care Diploma. If you hold NVQ/Diploma 2/3 Health and social care or equivalent you will of course not need to do the award again, but we may support you to undertake qualifications.

Networks:
The EDI Network and the LGBTQ+ Network are available to all our employees. The EDI Network advocates for our staff of colour whilst providing support and resources for employees who may face challenges related to diversity and inclusion. The LGBTQ+ Network promotes visibility and representation of LGBTQ+ individuals within the company.