

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Job Title**: Support Worker for Peer Engagement Worker
**Location**: Chase Farm Hospital, John Howard Centre
**Hours**: 1-2 day per week, up to 10.5 hours (Thursday and possibly Monday)
**Salary**: £13.15 per hour
**Contract**: Fixed-term contract until October 2025
**Employer**: Barnet Mencap

**About Barnet Mencap**:
Barnet Mencap has been improving the lives of individuals with learning disabilities and/or autism in the London Borough of Barnet for over 50 years. Our services include supported accommodation, leisure activities, learning programs, and expert guidance, all focused on equal opportunities and safeguarding. We are committed to supporting people to live fulfilling and independent lives.

**Role Overview**:
The Support Worker will assist a Peer Engagement Worker who is employed by Barnet Mencap and collaborating with the North London Forensic Collaborative. The Peer Engagement Worker has a learning disability and/or autism and will independently travel to Barnet Mencap’s office. The Support Worker’s role will focus on assisting with travel to and from two psychiatric forensic hospitals: Chase Farm Hospital and the John Howard Centre, ensuring a safe and comfortable journey.

**Key Responsibilities**:

**Travel Support to Hospitals**:

* Provide assistance to the Peer Engagement Worker during travel to and from Chase Farm Hospital and the John Howard Centre for work.
* Help with public transport arrangements to ensure a smooth, timely journey to each hospital.
* Ensure the Peer Engagement Worker arrives on time for their work shifts at the hospitals.

**On-Site Support (Thursdays):**

* Stay at the hospital location (not on the ward) while the Peer Engagement Worker is on the ward at either Chase Farm Hospital or the John Howard Centre on Thursdays.
* Be available at the hospital in case any immediate assistance or support is required, though you will not be entering the ward.
* **Emotional and Practical Support During Travel:**
* Offer emotional support if needed during the journey.
* Assist with any immediate concerns or challenges that arise during the travel process.
* **Hospitals**:
* **Chase Farm Hospital (North London)**
The Ridgeway, Enfield, EN2 8JL
* **John Howard Centre (East London)**
12 Kenworthy Road, Homerton, E9 5TD
* **Skills & Qualifications**:
* Experience supporting individuals with learning disabilities and/or autism is essential.
* Strong communication skills to work effectively with the Peer Engagement Worker and Barnet Mencap team.
* Ability to use public transport and manage travel logistics.
* Compassionate, patient, and understanding approach to supporting travel needs.
* Ability to work independently and address any travel challenges promptly.
* You will be highly motivated and have a genuine interest in working with people with learning disabilities and/or autism.
* Availability to stay at the hospital location on Thursdays while the Peer Engagement Worker is on the ward

**Support to be Provided**:

* Initial training on travel routes and support responsibilities.
* Ongoing communication with Barnet Mencap and the Peer Engagement Worker’s team for updates.

**How to Apply**:
If you are interested in this position, please see the Job Description and Person Specification for the role. Please also read our Mission Statement and Anti-Discriminatory Policy. To apply, please either complete an application form or send a CV with a statement explaining how you meet each of the criteria on the person specification to **projectsupport@barnetmencap.org.uk**

**Application Deadline**: **18th January 2025**

Barnet Mencap is committed to equal opportunities and the safeguarding of children and adults at risk. The successful candidate will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service form in line with Section 115 of The Police Act 1997.