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Planning

Gloucestershire County Council - Market Engagement - Short Breaks

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Scope

Description

Gloucestershire County Council is seeking to engage with the market regarding the future provision of Short Breaks services for children and young people with disabilities and their families. As part of our engagement for the re-commissioning of Short Breaks, we'll be hosting a series of Focus Group sessions.

If you would like to attend one of the focus groups, please email Paul.Cooke@gloucestershire.gov.uk to book a place. There are limited spaces and we ask that only one person from each organisation books on.

Focus Groups Sessions:

Thursday, 29th January: 14:00 - 15:30 - Theme: Transport - Venue: Shire Hall, Gloucester

Monday, 2nd February: 13:00 - 14:30 - Theme Inclusion - Venue: Shire Hall, Gloucester

Thursday, 5th February: 10:00 - 11:30 - Theme Transitions - Venue: Shire Hall, Gloucester

Tuesday, 10th February: 9:00 -10:30 - Theme Complex Care - Venue: Shire Hall, Gloucester

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £4,000,000 excluding VAT
- £4,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2032
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 7 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 July 2026

Engagement process description

Understand provider perspectives on short breaks.

Ensure alignment with current market conditions and improve the short break market.

Shape a deliverable and commercially realistic commissioning model to re-tender.

Engagement Approach:

The engagement window will run from July 2025 to July 2026.

Activities will include:

Structured feedback from providers, including surveys, drop in sessions, forums, one-to-one provider discussions, focus groups and open invitation to providers interested in short breaks.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 July 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Gloucestershire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZHT-7473-ZVPN

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government