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Tender

Tender for the Provision of Children Short Breaks

London Borough of Hounslow

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Scope

Description

A short break was described as "additional services required to support disabled children and their families; in other words, short breaks are services over and above the universal services expected and available to all families". A short break can be for just a few hours to overnight care or longer, e.g. a holiday, and could be within a variety of settings, including the child's home. Short breaks are designed to engage disabled children and young people in either one to one or group activities, which will be enjoyable, reduce social isolation and contribute to personal and social development and are usually undertaken away from their primary carer. A short break can be a range of activities; including sports, music sessions, going to the cinema, youth club, after school clubs, play schemes and/or residential care. Whilst all children should be able to access youth clubs, extended schools activities, community and leisure facilities - if additional support is required (e.g. the child requires support through a sessional worker service) - this may then constitute a short break.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £204,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Further one year extension

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services

Contract locations

- UKI - London

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

31 March 2030

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

All bidders who achieve a score above the threshold of 60% will be appointed onto the framework and will enter into the framework agreement.

The Framework Providers will be ranked according to their final evaluation scores. When the Council chooses to place an order for the Services without re-opening competition, by way of a direct award, it will approach the highest ranked Framework Provider. If that Framework Provider is unable to fulfil the Order, the Council will approach the next ranked Framework Provider, and so on, until the order is fulfilled or no qualified Framework Providers remain. The successful Framework Provider must confirm acceptance by signing and returning the Order within the timeframe specified in the Framework Agreement.

By entering into this Framework Agreement, no form of exclusivity or volume guarantee

has been granted by the Authority for the Services

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

30 January 2026, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

9 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://procontract.due-north.com/ProjectManagement/ProjectDashboard?projectId=8355dd2b-4fdf-f011-813c-005056b64545>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

23 March 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 25 March 2030

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Quality threshold	All bidders who achieve a score above the threshold of 60% will be appointed onto the framework and will enter into the framework agreement.	Quality

Weighting description

All bidders who achieve a score above the threshold of 60% will be appointed onto the framework and will enter into the framework agreement.

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government