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Planning

Care Support Services for Children with a Disability (2026)

Hampshire County Council

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Scope

Reference

CS26605

Description

Hampshire County Council Children's Services commissions care support for children and young people with disabilities. The children and young people requiring care support services will include those with severe disabilities such as learning disabilities, physical disabilities, autistic spectrum conditions, behaviour that challenges and complex physical or mental health needs. The Services are part of a holistic support package for the child / young person that meets identified outcomes as part of a Care Plan as agreed by the Council's County Allocation Panel.

This Service is part of Hampshire County Council's Children's Services Department's continuum of services which support children and young people with disabilities. Care support is a Tier 4 specialist service, which can be offered to a family following a social care assessment where the Disabled Children's Team criteria has been met and/or an unmet social care need has been identified.

The Services will have the following features:

- provides a time limited or ongoing intervention for families, dependent on need
- provides a range of different types of support to be available (e.g. domiciliary care, personal care, support in the community, overnight care etc.)
- provides flexible levels of support to meet individual needs (some families may only need light touch, and some will need intensive)
- provides support at both the times that is assessed as a need by the Social Worker and requested by families, for the time period required (e.g., one hour at the beginning and / or end of the day)
- provides suitably trained, reliable, consistent workers; known to the child or young person, all of whom will have an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) check, to ensure continuity and stability for families
- delivers Excellent / Good care in accordance with Care Quality Commission guidance for providers of health and social care services for children and young people
- identifies opportunities for the use of assistive care technologies and equipment to enable families to support their child independently in their own home or for the young person to access the community independently
- can support a child or young person in their own homes whilst the parent or carer is not present
- can support a child or young person in a residential home, foster home or their own home
- can support the child or young person in their local communities

The current Care Support for Children with a Disability Framework was developed by Hampshire County Council to address growing and evolving needs in social care, for children who require support in their home environment and to safeguard these children. The service is coming to the end of its life span and is required to be retendered to ensure Hampshire may meet the needs of its eligible residents.

The new framework will be an evolution from the current Framework and the Authority is looking to procure the new Framework with a start date of 01/09/2026.

Total value (estimated)

- £45,000,000 excluding VAT
- £45,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2030
- Possible extension to 31 August 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKJ35 - South Hampshire
- UKJ36 - Central Hampshire
- UKJ37 - North Hampshire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

20 January 2026

Engagement process description

Hampshire County Council are seeking the views of the market on the development of the services outlined in the service description through an online market engagement session will take place on the 21st January 2026 between 10 am and 11am via MS Teams.

The Council will use the event to provide an overview of the planned procurement process and a high level timetable. In addition to this, the event will also be an opportunity to seek feedback from the Market regarding the proposed care types detailed in the draft Service Specification and the Council's anticipated approach to pricing for this service going forward

Suppliers wishing to attend should register (if not already registered) on the Council's e-tendering platform, In-tend (<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/hampshire.aspx/Home>) and 'Express Interest' against the project 'CS26605 Care Support Services for Children with a Disability'. Please then use the Correspondence function for the project and provide the name of attendees and their email addresses that invitations can be issued to.

Suppliers wishing to attend need to confirm with the Council, via the correspondence function of In-tend, by 9:00 on Tuesday 20th January 2026.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 March 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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