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Planning

CSC25128 Short Breaks Services Framework - Preliminary Market Engagement

Worcestershire County Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

04.02.2026 Update: A copy of the slide deck shared at the market engagement event held on 4th February 2026 has been uploaded to the council's e-tendering portal

Scope

Reference

CSC25128

Description

Worcestershire County Council (the Council) intends to establish a multi supplier, multi lot Short Breaks Services Framework to improve access to high quality services for children and young people with disabilities and / or complex needs.

Before commencing the procurement, the Council is issuing this Preliminary Market Engagement notice to invite interested organisations to attend an online market engagement event. The event will offer an overview of the planned framework, proposed lots, and the anticipated procurement timetable. It will also give suppliers the opportunity to give feedback to inform the development of the service specification(s) and proposed framework and ask questions.

The proposed framework will include up to four lots:

- Lot 1 – Overnight Fostering Short Breaks
- Lot 2 – Overnight Residential Short Breaks
- Lot 3 – Domiciliary Care
- Lot 4 – Short Breaks Support Workers

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2026 to 31 October 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people
- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation
- 85312200 - Homedelivery of provisions
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

4 February 2026

Engagement process description

Worcestershire County Council is issuing this Preliminary Market Engagement notice to notify the market of an upcoming procurement opportunity for Short Breaks Services for children and young people with disabilities and / or complex needs.

Our primary objective is to engage with experienced suppliers, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), and Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprises (VCSEs) to

inform the design of the new framework and service specifications.

The initial market engagement event will be held virtually by Microsoft Teams by invite only on 4th February 2026 (13.30 - 14.30).

If you are interested in attending please email chscommissioning@worcestershire.gov.uk marked for the attention of Gail Blake including your organisation name and the name of attendees with relevant email address(es) for the invite.

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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 April 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government