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Planning

Children and Young People Short Breaks

Borough of Telford & Wrekin

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Changes to notice

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

Scope

Reference

TWC000832

Description

Telford & Wrekin Council and Shropshire Council are seeking to commission a Foster Care Overnight Short Breaks service for children and young people (CYP) with disabilities and complex health needs across the county.

The Children Act 2004 and the Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Short Breaks Regulations 2011 require Local Authorities to provide services designed to give breaks for carers of children with disabilities. The Short Breaks offer aims to support the needs and aspirations of children and young people with disabilities, as well as support parent, carer and family wellbeing.

Short Breaks provide an opportunity for CYP with disabilities to: spend time away from their carers; try out new things; have fun and make new friends; helps to support a child or young person's social and emotional development; as well as providing them with new experiences and an opportunity to learn new skills. It is important that the short break gives the young person the opportunity to develop their independence in preparation for adulthood.

Short Break services span a range of activities, care and support options that a CYP with disabilities may need. A Short Break can last from a few hours to a few days, an evening, a weekend, and school holiday daytime activities, depending on assessed need.

There is insufficient, local overnight Short Breaks across both Telford and Wrekin borough and Shropshire Local Authority areas. Therefore both Councils are seeking to jointly commission a Foster Care Short Breaks service for CYP with disabilities and complex health needs in the county. This aligns to both Council's ambition to offer regulated, local and high quality overnight respite, within a homely environment.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2025 to 1 July 2030
- Possible extension to 1 July 2032
- 7 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 March 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

Desktop market assessment to invite interested Parties to an engagement event to discuss the requirements of the new service. The outcome from this process can be found in the documents folder.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

8 April 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Borough of Telford & Wrekin

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government