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Planning

Specialist Short Breaks for Children and Young People with Disabilities aged 5 to 17 in Norfolk

Norfolk County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Norfolk County Council

Norwich

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Specialist Short Breaks for Children and Young People with Disabilities aged 5 to 17 in Norfolk

Reference number

NCCT42465

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Norfolk County Council is seeking experienced organisations to provide Specialist Short Breaks to children and young people with disabilities aged 5 to 17 in Norfolk. Children and young people will be referred by the County Council and will have support needs ranging from low to exceptional.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk

- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Norfolk County Council is seeking experienced organisations to provide Specialist Short Breaks to children and young people with disabilities aged 5 to 17 in Norfolk. Children and young people will be referred by the County Council and will have support needs ranging from low to exceptional. Specialist Short Breaks support the health and well-being of families. They provide children and young people with a break away from their parent carers enabling them to participate in fun, interesting and safe activities. At the same time, parent carers are provided with a break from looking after their child. Specialist Short Breaks are part of a continuum of services in the Norfolk SEND Local Offer. They take place outside of school hours - during the day, evening, or sometimes overnight, and in different settings - a family's home, in a community or residential setting. In 2021-22, approximately 217 children and young people received Specialist Short Breaks through Norfolk County Council, at a cost of approximately £500,000pa. The tender will include the provision of a range of Specialist Short Breaks across Norfolk, designed to provide families with greater choice and enable them to access high quality support closer to home. Potential bidders will be able to bid to provide one or more Specialist Short Breaks. This is an exciting opportunity for experienced providers to deliver positive outcomes for children, young people and their families, in keeping with the Flourishing in Norfolk Strategy and the County Council's Short Breaks Strategy which is currently being developed.

II.2.14) Additional information

Prior to the publication of a contract notice, we wish to engage early on with potential bidders about our needs and hear about the Specialist Short Breaks that could be provided. The engagement sessions will take the form of a Teams meeting with individual organisations the week commencing 6 June 2022. To arrange a 1-2-1 Teams meeting please email: colleen.hubbard2@norfolk.gov.uk

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 September 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This procurement will be managed electronically via the Council's e-procurement system. To participate in this procurement, applicants must first be registered on the system at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc.aspx/BuyerProfiles>. Once registered you will be notified of new opportunities that match your profile. If you encounter any difficulties whilst using the system you can contact the In-tend support team by phoning +44 8442728810 or e-mailing support@in-tend.co.uk. The County Council plans to re-procure Specialist Short Breaks through a tender process, due to its existing contracts expiring on the 31st of March 2023. It envisages the new contracts will be in place for a minimum of 3 years with possible extensions commencing on 1st of April 2023.