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Planning

Short Breaks for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

London Borough of Harrow

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Scope

Description

London Borough of Harrow - Short Breaks Service

Short breaks provide children and young people (5 - 18 years) with the opportunity to access a range of enriching activities such as afterschool clubs, holiday playschemes, arts, crafts, sports, community outreach, where they can spend time away from their parent/carer and spend time with their peers. Caring for a child or young person with a disability is exhausting and can put even the strongest relationships under strain. Short breaks provide parents/carers with the opportunity to have a 'break' from their caring responsibilities and to spend time with partners and other members of the family. The service will be available to children and young people between the age of 5-18 living in the London Borough of Harrow who have a disability, as defined under the Equality Act 2010.

We are seeking to engage with Providers that can deliver high quality enriching activities within these age and diverse activity categories

5 - 13 Years Centre Based and After School Activities

13 - 16 Years Centre Based and After School Activities Community and Themed Sessions

16 - 18 Years Community and Themed Sessions Vocational Activities

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2031
- Possible extension to 31 August 2033
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

Contract locations

- UKI - London

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 April 2025

Engagement process description

The London Borough of Harrow is seeking to engage with providers that can deliver Short Breaks for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to participate in preliminary market engagement to assist in developing the authority's requirements and approach to deliver best possible outcomes to the residents of Harrow.

We therefore would like to invite suitably qualified service providers to participate in discussions which will take at the London Borough of Harrow, Forward Drive, Harrow, HA3 8FL, Meeting HCH Hub on the 24th April 2025 at 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

If you would like to participate and attend this event or have any questions, please express your interest by email to Lisa Taylor, Deputy Head of Procurement, lisa.taylor@harrow.gov.uk

The objective of this event is to get a better understanding of the following:

- Seek feedback from providers and to inform the development of the tender documentation
- Answer questions interested companies may have regarding service specifications, pricing model
- Provide practical advice to interested companies on local government tendering to support submission of tender
- Breakdown barriers to entry for locally based SME companies.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

27 May 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

London Borough of Harrow

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQRC-2343-GRQR

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