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Planning

Overnight Short Breaks for children and young people with SEND aged 0-25 years

Wolverhampton City Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

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Section I: Contracting authority

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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

Overnight Short Breaks for children and young people with SEND aged 0-25 years

Reference number

CWC24003

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The SEND Code of Practice (2015) defines children or young people as having SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which affects their learning compared with others of the same age and requires special educational provision. The Council has a duty to provide short breaks provision for Children and Young People with a disability and their families, as part of the Children and Young Person's Act (2008) as every local authority "...shall provide services designed to assist individuals who provide care for such children (disabled) to continue to do so, or to do so more effectively, by giving them

a break from caring”. Short breaks are integral to a comprehensive approach to supporting disabled children to develop as participating and contributing individuals, included in their communities, with personal social networks.

2. Aim and Process

2.1 The provision will provide flexible short break services that enable children and young people to achieve their potential and support for Parent/Carers in their caring role and reduces the occurrence of family breakdown.

2.2 The service will enable children and young people to engage in activities, be part of their community and maximise the support for Parent/Carers by working in collaboration with other services and providers.

2.3 The Service will contribute to achieving the identified outcomes stated in the Service Users EHCP Plan, by working in partnership with the Service User, their Parent/Carers, the DCYPT and other services and stakeholders to achieve these.

2.4 The provider will:

- be flexible and personalised in providing choice and control to children and young people and their Parent/Carers
- support children and young people to develop social networks and independence and prepare for adulthood
- enable children and young people to reach their potential
- involve children and young people in planning and decision-making
- enhance the quality of life of children and young people
- support parents/carers in the care and parenting of their children
- enhance the quality of life for parent/carers as they become more empowered and enabled to have greater choice and control
- provide support that reduces family breakdown

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,900,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The overnight short breaks service will provide services during term time and school holidays and will be available for 360 days per year. It is accepted that there will be closures or a reduced service for major national holidays, when children will be with their Parents/Carers (e.g. 5 days during the Christmas and New Year holidays).

During term time (approximately 39 weeks per year)

Weekdays:

Overnight stays from afternoon drop off after school to morning pick up for school. As a minimum this will be 16 hours in duration.

Weekends/bank holidays:

Provision of day-care and overnight short break stays with earlier drop off and later pick up times.

During school holidays (approximately 13 weeks per year)

Weekends/Weekdays:

Day care/holiday club provision and overnight stays with earlier drop off and later pick up

times. As a minimum this will be 19 hours in duration.

It is expected that the allocation for children and young people will change as their needs or circumstances and desired outcomes change. Social Care Plans will be reviewed by the DCYPT every six months and more frequently where required. The Provider will work with the DCYPT and Parent/Carer to ensure an appropriate level of support is available in line with these changing needs.

The Provider will deliver a flexible and fair plan for overnight short break care following an assessment of need, taking the preferences of the child or young person and their Parents/carers into account. It will provide and manage an overnight short breaks unit for the delivery of this Service, ensuring all staff are appropriately qualified, trained and supervised to promote the safeguarding and well-being of the children and young people accessing the Service. All aspects of the Service must be appropriately registered and meet the requirements of relevant legislation.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 August 2024