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Tender

IA3441 Children's Community Care Framework

Staffordshire County Council

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Scope

Reference

IA3441

Description

The Services will support Children and Young People with a range of Disabilities, including Children and Young People with physical and learning Disabilities, autism and Challenging Behaviours, and many children have multiple and/or complex needs. The Framework will cover a range of Care and support Services across Staffordshire which are tailored to the specific needs of eligible Children and Young People. The Services will support Children with Disabilities but can also extend to Children in our safeguarding and Edge Of Care services.

This is a Light Touch competitive framework with six (6) Lots:

Lot 1- Community Access and Socialisation

Lot 2- Home Care (Domiciliary Care)

Lot 3- Sitting Service

Lot 4- Complex/Urgent Domiciliary Care

Lot 5- Complex/Urgent Behaviour Support

Lot 6 Lifeskills & Independence Programme

Your business will need to be registered on the Central Digital Platform to bid for this tender.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-act-2023-short-guides/suppliers-how-to-register-your-organisation-and-first-administrator-on-find-a-tender-in-three-easy-steps-html>

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £4,560,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 30 September 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

At the Authority's entire discretion, the term may be extended by one 18 month period on the same terms for such period(s) in accordance with the contract.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC
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Lot 1. Lot 1- Community Access and Socialisation

Description

To provide Care to Children and Young People (0-18) (with SEND) and their Families, to aid access to community settings and Socialisation.

This support will help Children and Young People learn and acquire new skills and assist them in preparedness for adulthood, as well as to aid Families to stay safe and well together at home, without an escalation of needs.

The Service will focus on building resilience, maximising independence of the C/YP, following a strengths-based, restorative approach.

Providers will deliver a quality and effective Service personalised to each C/YP's Assessed Need(s).

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,560,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Lot 2- Home Care (Domiciliary Care)

Description

To provide Care to Children and Young People (0-18) (with SEND) and their Families in their home (which is sometimes referred to as Domiciliary Care), to help Children and Young People to be as independent as possible and assist them in preparedness for adulthood.

This Care aims to aid Families to stay safe and well together at home, without an escalation of needs and supporting Carers in their caring role.

The Service will focus on building resilience, maximising independence, following a strengths-based, restorative approach. Providers will deliver a quality and effective Service personalised to each C/YP's Assessed Need/s.

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,560,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 3. Lot 3- Sitting Service

Description

This Service is to ensure Carers are supported to take break from their caring role and responsibilities for C/YP age 0-18 who have SEND.

The Provider must offer a flexible Sitting Service that can be provided during the day, evening, or night for any length of time, as follows:

- C/YP can be supported in the home, giving the Carer time to go out if they choose.
- C/YP may wish to go out in their local community for the allocated hours to pursue their own interests.

Care Staff can accompany Carers and the C/YP on outings to provide the extra support required for the whole Family unit.

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,560,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 4. Lot 4- Complex/Urgent Domiciliary Care

Description

Providers will be expected to deliver Care in an urgent situation/emergency, within the C/YPs home or hospital setting, to ensure the C/YP Social Care Needs are met.

Support will be individualised to the C/YP needs, enabling the Family to stay safe and well together, deescalating the risk of the C/YP entering the local authority care system.

This Care required could be surrounding complex care needs and life limiting conditions. The Provider may need to work alongside healthcare and other professionals to deliver Care.

The Provider must comply with all Relevant Legislation. The Service will be provided by appropriately qualified Staff, in line with the Essential Standards set out by the CQC.

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,560,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 5. Lot 5- Complex/Urgent Behaviour Support

Description

Providers will be expected to deliver Care in an urgent situation/emergency, within the C/YPs home or community, to ensure the C/YP Social Care Needs are met. Support will

be individualised to the C/YP needs, enabling the Family to stay safe and well together, deescalating the risk of the C/YP entering the local authority care system.

This Care could be surrounding complex needs and Challenging Behaviour related to Learning Disabilities, Autism and/or trauma. The Provider may need to work alongside healthcare and other professionals to deliver Care.

The Provider must comply with all Relevant Legislation. The Service will be provided by appropriately qualified Care Staff, in line with the Essential Standards set out by the CQC.

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,560,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 6. Lot 6 Lifeskills & Independence Programme

Description

The Life skills & Independence programme will help Young People with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND) to achieve their dreams or goals and to develop Life skills for the future.

The Provision of Life skills and Independence support must enable C/YP with SEND to work towards individualised, person-centred Outcomes with appropriate support to access their local community, preparing them effectively for adulthood and equip C/YP with SEND and their Carers with the tools and confidence to actively participate in their local community.

The Life Skills and Independence Programme can benefit and provide C/YP with SEND

with an opportunity to:

- Seek appropriate employment opportunities.
- Promote independent living.
- Spend time away from their Carers.
- Socialise with peers and make new friends.
- Learn new skills.
- Keep physically active.
- Improve their communication skills.
- Access activities which support them to develop self-esteem, confidence, and social interaction skills.
- Gain independence

To qualify as a Lifeskills and Independence Short Break opportunity, any support period must:

- Last a minimum of 2 hours and maximum of 4 hours per week; and
- Be facilitated outside of the school day - this can include at an evening, weekend or during the school holiday.

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,560,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

To be awarded onto the Framework - Supplier will provide a Price per hour in (£) pounds sterling (exclusive of VAT). Any unusually High or Low bids will be due diligence checked by the Authority.

To be awarded a Call-off Contract - Suppliers Price as submitted to obtain a place on the Framework will be used as part of a wider award process (to meet the Child/Young Persons needs) with an aim to achieving Best Value.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Submission

Tender submission deadline

2 June 2025, 12:00pm

Electronic auction will be used

Yes

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://Supplierlive.proactisp2p.com>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

4 August 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 30 March 2029

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	60%
Quality and Safeguarding	Quality	12%
Lot Specific Case Study (Per Lot)	Quality	12%
Staffing and Organisational Flexibility	Quality	8%
Person Centred Care and a Restorative Approach to Care Planning	Quality	8%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

[SCC eTendering Portal User Guide 27.02.25.pdf](#)

<https://Supplierlive.proactisp2p.com>

Contracting authority

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