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Planning

Short Breaks Foster Care Overnight Service for Children and Young People with a Disability

Borough of Telford & Wrekin
Shropshire Council

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Changes to notice

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

Contact details changed for market engagement events

Scope

Description

Telford & Wrekin Council and Shropshire Council wish to commission a Provider to deliver planned overnight short breaks to resident children and young people aged 5-17, with disabilities.

There is insufficient, local overnight Short Breaks across both Shropshire Local Authority area and the borough of Telford and Wrekin. Therefore, both Councils are seeking to jointly commission a Foster Care Short Breaks service. This aligns to both Council's ambition to offer regulated, local and high-quality overnight breaks, within a homely environment.

Telford & Wrekin Council are the tender process lead. The successful provider will be awarded a contract from both LAs. There will be an ongoing partnership between the provider and the two Councils regarding service delivery and monitoring of impact and outcomes. The tender is scheduled to be published September 2025.

The Short Breaks Regulations set a requirement for Local Authorities to provide a range of respite opportunities available to children and young people 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.

Planned overnight breaks are an essential source of Short Breaks support for families that are eligible, providing a much-needed break for both parent carers, the child/young person and supports family wellbeing. We want to ensure that overnight breaks are a positive experience for the CYP, helping to support their social and emotional development as well as providing them with leisure and opportunity to learn new skills.

The Council is seeking a provider that can satisfy the service delivery requirements, Ofsted requirements, and the workforce requirements to deliver a quality and sustainable overnight short breaks provision. It is understood that the successful provider will require time for recruitment and training in the lead up to service delivery, and this will be underpinned via a partnership approach over a long contract period.

Total value (estimated)

- £350,000 excluding VAT
- £420,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2032
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

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

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 July 2025

Engagement process description

Short Breaks Overnight Respite Service Tender - Provider Engagement

Telford & Wrekin Council, and Shropshire Council, intend to jointly commission a Provider to deliver planned Foster Carer overnight short breaks respite to resident children and young people aged 5-17, with disabilities.

We value the feedback and opinion of providers regarding shaping this tender and wish to provide opportunity for engagement with commissioners in the pre-procurement process.

We are offering two opportunities to do this, please book on to either event using the links below:

Wednesday 16th July 3pm to 4.30pm - online via MTEAMS - Please email samantha.welch@telford.gov.uk to request a meeting invitation for this event.

Wednesday 23rd July 3pm to 4.30pm - Darby House, Telford & Wrekin Council, Sunnycroft Room

Please email samantha.welch@telford.gov.uk to request a meeting invitation for this event.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 September 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authorities

Borough of Telford & Wrekin

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHHD-5776-GZNN

Darby House, Telford Town Centre, Lawn Central,

Telford, Shropshire

TF3 4JA

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@telford.gov.uk

Region: UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Shropshire Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCLL-9577-QDZW

Guildhall, Frankwell Quay

Shrewsbury

SY3 8HQ

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@shropshire.gov.uk

Region: UKG22 - Shropshire CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Contact organisation

Contact Borough of Telford & Wrekin for any enquiries.