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Planning

HAC6116 Activity Based Learning Disability Opportunities

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

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Scope

Reference

HAC6116

Description

Tower Hamlets currently purchases centre-based day support for 257 adults with a learning disability across 6 Providers operating within borough boundaries. This provision is transacted via an activity-based framework contract with different prices for standard, enhanced and complex levels of support. The current annual expenditure via the framework is projected at £5.9m in 2024-25.

In addition, the borough purchases 15 Tower Hamlets centre-based placements at £158,012 outside the established framework and in the region of 63 non-building-based placements at approximately £410k. Non-centre based provision is usually delivered in the form of 1:1 support and often outside of core day provision hours. There is 1 provider operating.

Both centre-based and non-centre based provision delivers a range of personalised support with life skills, budgeting, access to education, training, employment, clinical and health care services, and social interactions to develop or maintain independence within the community. Activities are delivered through a range of varied programmes personalized to meet individual needs, choice and aspiration.

The Borough is seeking to establish a new activity-based contract from which the provision of day support for adults with a learning disability can be purchased when the current framework ends in February 2026. Once established the Council will only spot purchase provision from organisations that have been successful and are listed as approved contracted suppliers and hold a contract with the Authority.

Total value (estimated)

- £19,200,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 February 2026 to 1 February 2029
- Possible extension to 1 February 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

4 September 2025

Engagement process description

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets will be creating a Provider List of up to 12 providers to deliver community based and non-community based day activities for adults with a learning disability and autistic adults who have been assessed as being eligible for support under the Care Act.

There is currently in the region of 257 people with Learning disability and autism receiving day services within the boroughs existing provision which is delivered through a framework contract of 6 providers due to end in 2026. There is also a number of people receiving support outside of the Framework through centre based and non-building based placements and the Council is keen to incorporate these into this contract.

Tower Hamlets are seeking to transform the way in which its Day Opportunities for people with Learning Disability and autistic adults are delivered to ensure that its provision can meet the increasing complexity of need that is presenting within the borough and which we know will increase over time.

Tower Hamlets are keen to ensure there is a shift from the conventional day service model and that the day opportunities delivered through the new contracts are strengths based and that a meaningful and varied programme of activities which enable people to develop life, health and pre-employment related skills and involvement in community activities are delivered. We are also seeking to explore mixed environments where older and younger clients can be supported and the achievability of this. A support offer where providers have the expertise, experience and skill to provide safe and effective support to people with significant levels of complexity and behaviour that challenges is our overall aim. We are keen to ensure environmental standards are set around the premises from which day service provision operates as we recognise the significance environment plays in service delivery.

Estimated at up to the maximum value over the contract maximum term of £24.8m

(estimated value to be finalised at tender publishing date)

This is a prior information notice to give advance notification to potential suppliers that may be interested in discussing with Commissioners the requirements of the service and applying for this future contract opportunity.

Intended date to publish tender September 2025

Contract length 3 years with 1 12 month extension

Contracting authority

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