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Tender

2604SHO - Targeted Short Breaks Service

BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

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Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-063373

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05aac6

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Scope

Reference

2604SHO

Description

On behalf of Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Childrens Trust commissions an extensive Short Breaks offer that provides a range of options for disabled children and young people over a broad range of support needs. This ensures children and young people access the right type of Short Break for them and enables their parents and carers to have a break from caring. The aim is to deliver positive outcomes, improve lives and prevent and reduce crisis by offering local community-based activities wherever possible.

The Trust is commissioning Targeted Short Break Services for the City - those not requiring a social work assessment, but meeting other criteria such as having an EHCP, or being in receipt of DLA or a diagnosis of some sort.

A UK3: Planned procurement notice - Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-054076

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-059470 was published 4 September 2025.

Total value (estimated)

- £5,192,000 excluding VAT
- £6,230,400 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 1 April 2030
- 4 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Extensions subject to satisfactory performance and funding

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation
- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation
- 85312120 - Daycare services for disabled children and young people

Lot constraints

Maximum number of lots a supplier can bid for: 1

Maximum number of lots a supplier can be awarded: 1

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

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Lot 1. Targeted Short Breaks and Brokerage service

Description

Brokerage and City-wide network of local providers - Targeted short breaks for children with mild to moderate needs delivered via a wide range of local providers and bespoke services, ensuring a wide geographical spread of locations to allow families to access services in, or close to, their local communities. Lot 1 will be awarded to a single provider who will manage the network and all brokerage of places. Activities in Lot 1 do not include childcare for children of working parents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,200,000 excluding VAT
- £2,640,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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

Lot 2. Lot 2a - Short breaks for children with Autism specifically as a primary need

Description

This service will provide autism-friendly activities such as clubs, play schemes, and outings, delivered by trained staff with expertise in autism. It will include behavioural support from professionals skilled in managing challenging behaviours through structured interventions. The service is designed for children who may have additional support needs, including severe learning disabilities, and for those whose behaviour consistently challenges services or poses a risk of injury to themselves or others.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,824,000 excluding VAT
- £2,188,800 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Lot 3. Lot 2B - Short Breaks for children with complex needs

Description

This service will support children whose needs arise from a disability, illness, or sensory impairment and who require significant additional support on a daily basis. These needs

may be present from birth or may have developed following illness or injury, and can include psychological, emotional, social, and environmental factors. Children accessing this service will often require multidisciplinary input, and their care must be tailored to their individual life circumstances.

Lot value (estimated)

- £972,000 excluding VAT
- £1,166,400 including VAT

Same for all lots

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

Lot 4. Lot 2C - Accessible short breaks for physically disabled children with complex needs**Description**

This service will support children moderate to severe physical disabilities who require tailored assistance to support their mobility, coordination, and overall development. The aim is to promote independence, inclusion, and access to education and community life. Support should be delivered in venues equipped with specialist resources such as mobility aids (e.g. walking frames, adapted chairs), assistive technology, and modified furniture.

Lot value (estimated)

- £196,000 excluding VAT
- £235,200 including VAT

Same for all lots

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

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Targeted Short Breaks and Brokerage service

Lot 2. Lot 2a - Short breaks for children with Autism specifically as a primary need

Lot 3. Lot 2B - Short Breaks for children with complex needs

Lot 4. Lot 2C - Accessible short breaks for physically disabled children with complex needs

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

27 October 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

7 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 December 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 2 October 2029

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	The contract will be awarded based on a combination of quality, price, and social value. Tenderers must provide clear, structured responses to all questions, demonstrating a positive commitment to service delivery. Responses will be evaluated for completeness, relevance, and alignment with the Trust's objectives, including value for money, safeguarding, and compliance with the Living Wage Policy. The evaluation will follow the Open Procedure under the Light Touch Regime as defined in the Procurement Act 2023.	Price

Weighting description

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Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc>

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Contracting authority

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