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Tender

Children with Disabilities Short Break and Respite Framework

Derbyshire County Council

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Scope

Reference

CCS037

Description

The Council is establishing an Open Framework, in line with the Procurement Act 2023, to deliver specialised services to children with disabilities and additional needs and their families.

Providers are invited to bid for any of the following lots to deliver a flexible provision of specialist services to children and young people with disabilities and additional needs and their families;

Lot A Community Based Befriending and Mentoring Services

Lot B Overnight Short Breaks (for Providers who Operate a Specific Overnight Premises)

Lot C Specialist Group Activities for children and young people with disabilities and

additional needs

Lot D Home Care Services for children and young people with disabilities and additional needs.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £15,800,000 excluding VAT
- £18,960,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2032
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85100000 - Health services

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

Contract locations

- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

Lot A (was 1). Community Based Befriending and Mentoring Service

Description

Service requirements: Includes - community-based befriending and mentoring service to enable children and young people with disabilities and additional needs to access their community, socialise, have fun, access new experiences, make new connections, and develop existing and new life and social skills.

Work collaboratively to provide support that allows children and young people to access the community and a range of social activities relevant to their interests and likes enabling positive experiences and outcomes.

Ensure that support starts within 20 working days of referral, unless the needs of the child or family dictate a longer transition period.

Lot value (estimated)

- £15,800,000 excluding VAT
- £18,960,000 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 B. Overnight Short Breaks for Providers who operate a specific Overnight Premises.

Description

Service requirement: Residential activity breaks for children and young people with disabilities and additional needs - aged 8 and over within a premises that is operated by the provider for the purpose of overnight short breaks. This could include a property that is owned or regularly rented by the Provider, but it must be equipped for the purpose of delivering overnight short breaks to children with disabilities and additional needs.

Providers must be Ofsted registered to provide services under this Lot.

Ensure that premises are appropriately adapted, and that specialist equipment is available to meet the needs of referred children and young people.

Ensure the first overnight short break is offered within 4-6 weeks from referral.

Organise and deliver overnight, weekend or longer breaks for individual children/young people, families and/or groups of young people with disabilities and additional needs.

Lot value (estimated)

- £15,800,000 excluding VAT
- £18,960,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot C. Specialist Group Activities for Children and Young People with Disabilities and Additional Needs

Description

Organise and deliver specialist playschemes and/or group activities for children and young people with disabilities and additional needs.

Groups should provide children/young people with fun, engaging activities that are appropriate to their abilities, needs and interests. They should encourage the development of social and life skills and be a safe positive space for children and young people with disabilities and additional needs.

Where necessary children should be matched with other children and young people appropriately and with due regard to needs.

Lot value (estimated)

- £15,800,000 excluding VAT
- £18,960,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot D. Home Care Services for Children and Young People with Disabilities and Additional Needs

Description

The service requirement is to provide support to children and young people with disabilities and additional needs and their families with personal, practical and social/emotional aspects of ordinary living that young people might usually perform for themselves or might be performed by their carers within the home.

Providers who place a bid for the inclusion of this Lot must be able to deliver all personal care services described under section 3.6.5.

Day-time Care shall be required between the hours of 7am to 8pm. This includes practical home care support, personal care and independent support.

Night-time Care shall be required between the hours of 8pm to 7am. This includes practical home care support, personal care and independent support.

Sleep-in Care may be required between the hours of 10pm to 7am. This will usually not involve more than two waking periods each night. Additional disturbances shall be charged at the night-time rate; the Care Plan must identify sleeping arrangements.

Live-in Care is fully inclusive 24-hour support on a short-term or continuing basis. The Care Plan for a Live-in Care package needs to identify sleeping arrangements and rest periods for the care worker; consistency of use of the same care workers;

arrangements for the cost of the care workers' food and other day to day expenses incurred whilst providing the care.

The Provider shall ensure that the service begins within 20 working days of referral, unless the needs of the child or family dictate a longer transition period

Lot value (estimated)

- £15,800,000 excluding VAT
- £18,960,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

30 April 2032

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

As set out in the tender documentation

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot A (was 1). Community Based Befriending and Mentoring Service

As set out in the tender documentation.

Lot B. Overnight Short Breaks for Providers who operate a specific Overnight Premises.

Lot C. Specialist Group Activities for Children and Young People with Disabilities and Additional Needs

Lot D. Home Care Services for Children and Young People with Disabilities and Additional Needs

As set out in the tender documentation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot A (was 1). Community Based Befriending and Mentoring Service

As set out in the tender documentation.

Lot B. Overnight Short Breaks for Providers who operate a specific Overnight Premises.

Lot C. Specialist Group Activities for Children and Young People with Disabilities and Additional Needs

Lot D. Home Care Services for Children and Young People with Disabilities and Additional Needs

As set out in the tender documentation

Particular suitability

Lot A (was 1). Community Based Befriending and Mentoring Service

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

14 November 2025, 2:00pm

Tender submission deadline

26 November 2025, 11:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

Submissions for this tender can be completed electronically by using the below link:

<https://procontract.due->

north.com/Advert?advertId=8b2a268c-5ab3-f011-813a-005056b64545

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

5 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	75%
Price	Price	20%
Social Value	Quality	5%

Other information

Payment terms

As set out in the tender documentation

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Derbyshire County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

