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Tender

Young People's Supported and Semi-Independent Accommodation and Support Services

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham

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Scope

Description

The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham has a statutory duty to ensure that there is sufficient, good quality and safe provision for the young people in its care in accordance with Section 22G of the Children Act 1989. The Council is advertising to seek tenders from suitably experienced and qualified organisations to join our new open framework of providers for the provision of Young People's Supported and Semi-Independent Accommodation and Support Services, for our looked-after young people aged 16 and older (up to a maximum age of 25).

The aim of the Open Framework is to establish a range of placement provisions that best meet the individual needs of our looked-after young people, acknowledging that these needs are often ongoing. The Open Framework will be composed of four (4) lots and will seek providers as follows:

Providers of supported accommodation for those aged 16-17 years, under the new supported accommodation regulations (OFSTED), that do not provide semi-independent accommodation;

Providers of semi-independent accommodation for those over 18 who have not, or

cannot, move into independent accommodation, that do not provide supported accommodation;

Providers of both supported accommodation and semi-independent accommodation types in order to ensure consistency and continuity of care and relationships for a Young Person; and

Providers of both supported accommodation (OFSTED regulations) and semi-independent accommodation types in order to ensure consistency and continuity of care and relationships for Young People that are parents.

The new framework is expected to run for a period of eight (8) years commencing on Monday 20th April 2026. Entry on to the framework will be based on providers meeting the necessary quality standards. Contracts will be awarded based on the individual needs of our young people. This will be an Open Framework, as defined under the new Procurement Act 2023, which provides for the award of successive frameworks on substantially the same terms at regular periods.

The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Commissioning team is planning on reopening the Framework within two years of the original day of award and then in two-yearly cycles, up to the eighth year of the original day of award, in line with the new regulations.

To achieve our vision, we will need to work with contractors who can demonstrate specific experience for this specialist area of work. Organisations who wish to express an interest must:

Have within the Organisation (or anyone within the proposed staffing), at least two years' experience in providing support to vulnerable children and young people accommodated by children's social care

Be registered with Ofsted to deliver under: The Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations 2023 (the Regulations) and Quality Standards, if they are planning to deliver supported accommodation for those aged 16-17 years

Employ staff (keyworkers) who have a minimum of a QCF/NVQ Level 3 in Health and Social Care (Children & Young People) or equivalent

Employ a Contract Manager/Manager (who will supervise all keyworkers) with a minimum QCF/NVQ Level 4 in Health and Social Care or equivalent

The Framework Contracts will have no minimum value, nor will any commitment to expenditure by the Council be stipulated within the contract itself. Expenditure will only be incurred when placements are made. The estimated value of the eight-year framework will

be approximately £50 million based on the Council's current spend; however, the Council has no obligation to spend through the framework.

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)

- £50,000,000 excluding VAT
- £60,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 April 2026 to 19 April 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

Contract locations

- UKI52 - Barking & Dagenham and Havering
- UKI - London
- UK - United Kingdom

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Bidders can be awarded onto all lots, there are no restrictions

Lot 1. Lot A: Providers of supported accommodation for those aged 16-17 years, under the new supported accommodation regulations (OFSTED), that do not provide semi-independent accommodation

Description

This lot is for the provision of supported accommodation for those aged 16-17 years, under the new supported accommodation regulations (OFSTED), that do not provide semi-independent accommodation

Lot value (estimated)

- £15,000,000 excluding VAT

- £18,000,000 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 B: Providers of semi-independent accommodation for those over 18 who have not, or cannot, move into independent accommodation, that do not provide supported accommodation

Description

This lot is for the provision of semi-independent accommodation for those over 18 who have not, or cannot, move into independent accommodation, that do not provide supported accommodation

Lot value (estimated)

- £15,000,000 excluding VAT
- £18,000,000 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 3. Lot C: Providers of both supported accommodation and semi-independent accommodation types in order to ensure consistency and continuity of care and relationships for a Young Person

Description

This lot is for the provision of both supported accommodation and semi-independent accommodation types in order to ensure consistency and continuity of care and relationships for a Young Person

Lot value (estimated)

- £15,000,000 excluding VAT
- £18,000,000 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 4. Lot D: Providers of semi-independent accommodation for Young People that are parents

Description

This lot is for the provision of semi-independent accommodation for Young People that are parents

Lot value (estimated)

- £15,000,000 excluding VAT
- £18,000,000 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.

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

19 April 2034

Maximum number of suppliers

100

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Prices provided as part of bidder submissions will be used to allocate work. Placements will be awarded based upon the needs of the young person and the provider that is most

suitable to deliver.

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 1. Lot A: Providers of supported accommodation for those aged 16-17 years, under the new supported accommodation regulations (OFSTED), that do not provide semi-independent accommodation

Lot 2. Lot B: Providers of semi-independent accommodation for those over 18 who have not, or cannot, move into independent accommodation, that do not provide supported accommodation

Lot 3. Lot C: Providers of both supported accommodation and semi-independent accommodation types in order to ensure consistency and continuity of care and relationships for a Young Person

Lot 4. Lot D: Providers of semi-independent accommodation for Young People that are parents

The Authority will use the following to determine Tenderers Economic and Financial Standings and Business Risk Profile

A) Dunn and Bradstreet Report.

Requirements -

"Overall Business Risk" - Rating "Low" or "Low to Medium".

"Failure Score" between "100-51"

Technical ability conditions of participation

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Lot 3. Lot C: Providers of both supported accommodation and semi-independent accommodation types in order to ensure consistency and continuity of care and relationships for a Young Person

Lot 4. Lot D: Providers of semi-independent accommodation for Young People that are parents

(a) Does your Organisation (or anyone within the proposed staffing) have the following relevant experience in delivering a service that provides the following support:

- At least two years' experience in providing support to vulnerable children and young people accommodated by children's social care

(b) Is your organisation registered with Ofsted to deliver under: The Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations 2023 (the Regulations) and Quality Standards, if you are planning to deliver supported accommodation for those aged 16-17 years?

- If yes, please provide a copy of your registration document with your tender submission.

If you are not planning to deliver supported accommodation for those aged 16-17 years, please cross 'not applicable' and proceed to question 16 (c)

(c) Does your organisation employ staff (keyworkers) who have a minimum of a QCF/NVQ Level 3 in Health and Social Care (Children & Young People) or equivalent, or who are currently working towards this qualification?

(d) Does your organisation employ a Contract Manager/Manager (who will supervise all keyworkers) with a minimum QCF/NVQ Level 4 in Health and Social Care or equivalent?

You must also provide the following;

- Organisations Standard Policies - Recruitment Policy, Child Protection Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Statement of Purpose, Liability Insurance, Young Persons Guide, Location risk assessment, In Date Gas & Electric Certificates

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

5 December 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

12 December 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://lbbd.bravosolution.co.uk/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

18 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Response to method statement questions	Quality	50%
Pricing schedule	Cost of the service	Cost	40%
Social Value	Social value commitments	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government