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Tender

## **Provision of a Flying Start Childcare Service Framework**

Bridgend County Borough Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

B984/25

### **Description**

Bridgend County Borough Council is seeking to procure experienced providers to deliver childcare places under the Flying Start and Flying Start Expansion programmes.

This service is only applicable for children that are resident in Bridgend County Borough, from the term after they turn two to the term they turn three years old.

Children will be offered up to 12.5 hours a week for Flying Start funding, term time only.

The key objectives of the service are:

- To provide accessible, high-quality, developmentally appropriate childcare that supports children's learning, well-being and progress from an early age.
- To ensure childcare is delivered by a skilled, well-qualified workforce with access to

continuing professional learning and best practice support.

- To promote high standards of care, learning and safeguarding through robust quality assurance and improvement support.
- To deliver inclusive, equitable provision that meets the needs of all children, including those with additional learning needs or vulnerabilities.
- To ensure childcare provision is well-matched to local need and sustainably commissioned, supporting continuity, sufficiency and parental choice.

## **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)**

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

Above the relevant threshold

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85312110 - Child daycare services
- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

## **Contract locations**

- UKL17 - Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot

## **Lot constraints**

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Lot 1 - Childminders

Lot 2 -Childcare Settings

Dependent on which lot the bidder requires to apply for

## **Not the same for all lots**

Contract dates are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

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## **Lot 1. Childminder**

### **Description**

Description: Childminder

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £2,500,000 excluding VAT

- £3,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 28 March 2031
- 4 years, 11 months, 28 days

Description of possible extension:

option to extend subject to funding

### **Same for all lots**

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

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## **Lot 2. Childcare Settings**

### **Description**

Description: Childcare settings

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £12,500,000 excluding VAT
- £15,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 29 March 2031
- 4 years, 11 months, 29 days

Description of possible extension:

option to extend subject to grant funding

### **Same for all lots**

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

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## **Framework**

### **Open framework scheme end date (estimated)**

31 March 2031

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

1000

## **Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers**

0%

## **Further information about fees**

no fee

## **Framework operation description**

The Authority is procuring an Open Framework in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023.

An Open Framework is a scheme of frameworks that provides for the award of successive frameworks on substantially the same terms (the Framework Scheme) .

The maximum term of the Framework Scheme will be [5] years.

Successful suppliers from this procurement process will be awarded a place on the first framework (Initial Framework) for a period of [2] years.

Re-opening: The Authority intends to re-open the Open Framework after the initial [2] year period. On award of the Second Framework, the Initial Framework will expire automatically (although any Orders placed under the Initial Framework will continue).

The Second Framework shall continue for a period of 12 months. After the Initial Term of the Second Framework, the Authority may extend the then-current framework by successive periods of up to 12 months each, and/or reopen the framework and award a further successive framework, provided that it shall re-open the Framework on at least one more occasion before expiry of the [5] year Framework Scheme.

This process will involve a new competitive tendering procedure conducted at the appropriate time to ensure continuity and market testing.

There is no limit to the number of Suppliers to be awarded a place on each Framework.

- Appointment of suppliers to each framework under open framework:
- For Existing suppliers, ie those having been appointed to the framework in existence

immediately before the next framework in the scheme being awarded:

- The Authority may award the framework to an existing supplier by reference to the fact that the supplier has already been awarded a framework under the scheme and will therefore not have to submit a new tender. However, if a supplier wished to make changes to its earlier tender, this would require a new tender to be submitted and assessed; or
- The Authority may call for new tenders to be submitted and evaluated for the new Framework; or
- The Authority may award a place on the framework by reference to a tender relating to an earlier award of a framework under the Framework Scheme.

New Suppliers will have to submit a tender for any new Framework to be evaluated and awarded in accordance with instructions set out in the procurement documents at the time.

## **Award method when using the framework**

Without competition

## **Contracting authorities that may use the framework**

Establishing party only

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

#### **Lot 1. Childminder**

As per tender pack

## **Lot 2. Childcare Settings**

see tender pack

## **Technical ability conditions of participation**

### **Lot 1. Childminder**

As per tender pack. CIW Registered.

### **Lot 2. Childcare Settings**

CIW Registered and training requirement see tender pack

## **Particular suitability**

### **Lot 1. Childminder**

### **Lot 2. Childcare Settings**

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

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

31 December 2025, 5:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**



5 January 2026, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

<https://etenderwales.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.shtml>

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### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

- Welsh
- English

### **Award decision date (estimated)**

27 February 2026

### **Recurring procurement**

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 8 January 2026

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## **Award criteria**

### **Lot 1. Childminder**

Name	Description	Type
Quality	Method Statement Evaluation 100%	Quality

### Weighting description

100% Quality Evaluation

### Lot 2. Childcare Settings

Name	Description	Type
Quality	Method Statement Questions Evaluation 100%	Quality

### Weighting description

Quality Evaluation Method Statement Questions

### Other information

#### Payment terms

See Terms in tender pack

#### Description of risks to contract performance

See terms in tender pack

#### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

### **Special regime**

Light touch

### **Reduced tendering period**

Yes

Light touch contract - no minimum

### **Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice**

Sufficient understanding of the market

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## **Documents**

### **Associated tender documents**

<https://etenderwales.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.shtml>

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## **Technical specifications to be met**

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Bridgend County Borough Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPQG-8216-YQLW

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Region: UKL17 - Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales