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Planning

Preliminary market engagement for Young Carers Service (Joint LBC and LBI)

London Borough of Camden

London Borough of Islington

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Scope

Description

This is a market engagement event scheduled to take place on Tuesday 16th December 2025 for both Camden and Islington. Young Carers are children and young people between 5 - 17 who provide some care for a parent or other family member who may have a physical or learning disability, long term illness, mental ill health or drug and/or alcohol problems. Children and young people as carers have the right to be given a choice, be treated as an individual, be given appropriate and co-ordinated support from the relevant agencies and be given the option to participate in the planning and delivery of services.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Engagement

Engagement deadline

16 December 2025

Engagement process description

The event will be managed by both Camden and Islington Councils' and the aim of the

Market Engagement event is to provide and share information to prospective bidders about the needs of young carers and seek to gain important market feedback around potential gaps in provision, proposed barriers to service delivery and potential innovation.

Additionally, we also want to receive feedback about our Boroughs joint commissioning approach.

It is our aim to award a contract after a competitive tender process in line with PA23 that offers a range of support to young carers in Camden and Islington with good understanding of both the challenges and opportunities in the respective boroughs.

The overall service aims are to:

- Improve identification and support for Young Carers;
- Improve and maintain the health and wellbeing of Young Carers;
- Support Young Carers to maximise their learning, educational attainment and access to employment;
- Support Young Carers to ensure that their views are heard and taken seriously; and
- Increase the skillset and capacity of wider stakeholders working with Young Carers.

During the Market Engagement event, we will share information with participants pertaining to the numbers and needs of our children, the prospective types of provision we are considering for the contract and the budget envelope.

We would like to understand from providers: -

- ? What barriers and opportunities could there be in commissioning the service
 - ? Feedback on the proposed contract set up
 - ? Thoughts on the proposed contract price
 - ? Participants view of joint commissioning the contracts
 - ? Any further aims and objectives the Young Carers contract could include.
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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

19 January 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authorities

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Contact London Borough of Camden for any enquiries.