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Tender

Provision of a Flying Start Childcare Service Framework

Bridgend County Borough Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Change to closing of tender date

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.

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.

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.

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

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)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

7 January 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

9 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

itt_121843 - Provision of a Flying Start Childcare Service Framework

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

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

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

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