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Planning

Short breaks for children

Cheshire West and Chester Council

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Scope

Description

Cheshire West and Chester Council invites organisations who provide weekend, holiday or after school club sessions to children or young people with SEND to a collaborative workshop focused on shaping the future of short breaks services across the borough.

The session will begin with a welcome and introduction, followed by interactive workshops where we'll explore how short breaks can be delivered in partnership with the local authority to meet the evolving needs of our families. This is a valuable opportunity to share ideas, discuss challenges, and co-design a person-centred, innovative short breaks offer for CWAC.

We are interested in meeting with providers to help us explore a new offer for the borough.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2032
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 October 2026

Engagement process description

The 1st engagement event will be on 19th January and is a face to face event - full details are on the Chest, www.the-chest.org.uk and bidders must complete the eventbrite in order to attend. Clarifications can be addressed via the messaging portal on the Chest. Any updates for any future events will be sent via the chest or directly to providers who engaged at this event (for example if 1:1 follow up conversations are required)

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Cheshire West and Chester Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCJB-2814-BHZP

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government