Short Breaks for Disabled Children, Young People and their Families

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to offer a wide range of Short Breaks services for disabled children and young people aged 0-25 years, in turn this will enhance their lives, encourage independence and support families.

The current Short Breaks Framework commenced on 01 May 2019, with Lot 1 - Group Provision continuing until 31 March 2024. Provision under Lot 2 (Community Care & Support) and Lot 3 (Residential) of the Framework will end 30 April 2023.

The framework is now open for bids for services under Lot 1 – Group Provision and will close on 27 April 2023 at 12:00 noon

Details of the Lot available for submissions are below:

Lot 1 - Groups

Group activities provided for R&C children and young people that require additional support, or who may need groups and services that are designed to meet their needs.

Examples – After School Clubs, Weekend Clubs, Holiday Clubs, Stay and Play

Please Note – The process to allocate the Group provision for 2023-24 is currently ongoing with the existing Framework providers. Any further providers successfully appointed to Lot 1 of the Framework from this opening would only be offered the opportunity to bid for specified group requirements if additional/alternative provision is required in the remaining contract period.

If you are interested in supplying the Council and its residents with these services, then please visit www.nepo.org, go to Current Opportunities and review the Short Breaks for Disabled Children & Young People Framework. Once you register your interest you will receive an e-mail giving you direct access to the documentation that needs completing for the Council to consider you to supply these services.

Submissions will remain sealed until the identified deadline date, when this passes the submissions received will be evaluated and you will receive notification within 4 weeks to advise if you were successful or not. If you aren't successful on your first attempt you can resubmit for consideration on the next deadline date.

If you are interested but would like more information, then please contact **Children's Commissioning on 01642 771247** for a discussion or if you know someone who currently delivers this type of service please encourage them to apply. If you would like more details on the NEPO portal or to understand more about the submission process please contact **Procurement on 01642 444151.**