



MARKET ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Short Breaks for Children and Young People with Disabilities and their Families

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council would like to invite you to a market engagement event for the forthcoming procurement exercise for Short Breaks for Children and Young People with Disabilities and their Families. The new contract is due to commence on 1st April 2024.

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to offer a wide range of Short Breaks Services for children and young people with disabilities, in turn this will enhance their lives, encourage independence and support their families.

Short Breaks provide opportunities for children and young people:

- To spend time away from their parent/carers.
- The chance to develop new friendships.
- To develop their independence.
- To take part in new experiences and to have fun doing positive activities.

Short Breaks aim to provide parent carers with:

- A necessary and valuable break from their caring responsibilities.
- A chance to rest and unwind.
- To spend time with other members of the family.

A Short Break can be provided in several ways such as after school/holiday clubs, befriending services, support in the family home and in the community, overnight support in and out of the family home and can be provide by lots of different types of organisations for example, PA Agencies, Residential Settings, Independent Fostering Agencies, Shared Lives Organisations, Domiciliary Care Services, Specialist Club Providers.

The purpose of this Market Engagement is to inform you of the forthcoming procurement process, which is anticipated to commence May 2023, for a contract commencement of 1 April 2024. This event will provide information on service provision, procurement process and will be an opportunity to share ideas to shape the future model.

How to attend a session:

One-to-one provider engagement sessions are available on **23rd, 24th and 28th March 2023**, these sessions are 30-minute appointments to be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

To book an appointment please email procurement@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk by the 20th March 2023, providing an email address(s) for attendees and preferred date, and a timeslot will be allocated accordingly.

If you are unable to attend on the dates provided but would like to discuss the forthcoming opportunity with the Council, please email and we will endeavour to arrange a call to discuss.

We look forward to meeting you.