

Provider List for Break Time, Day Time and Night Time Services for Children and Young People with Disabilities.

The Authority wishes to establish an open Provider List of Break Time and Short Breaks Providers who are suitable, capable and experienced to deliver the required services. This will greatly improve choice and the ability to meet the needs of children and young people with appropriate services.

Short Breaks Services ("the Services") are essential for children with disabilities, their parents and their carers, to ensure better outcomes and to prevent escalation of their needs, where possible.

The term 'short breaks' describes services that help adult parent/carers to more effectively provide care for their disabled child by providing them regular breaks so that

- they can meet the needs of other children in the family;
- they can study or take part in leisure activities themselves; or
- carry out day to day household tasks
- Services can include group activities, day, evening, overnight support and weekend activities. They can last just a few hours to a few days, and occasionally longer, depending on the needs of the child and their family.

The Services commissioned from the Provider List are listed below and will support the Authority in fulfilling its statutory duty to provide a full range of Short Break Services to children/young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities ("SEND") which is sufficient to assist their primary carers to continue to provide care or to do so more effectively.

The Lots have been developed to cover the range of Services available and have been grouped to align to the service area types and Service User's needs.

Applicants are invited to apply for all or any of the following Lots and there is no restrictions for the number of lots they can successful in:

Lot 1a Break Time

Lot 1b Break Time Plus

Lot 2a Day Time Short Breaks

Lot 2b Day Time Personal Care

Lot 3 Night Time Overnight Short Breaks

Lot 4 Intensive Positive Behaviour Support

The Provider List will be an open list: Applicants can apply to join during its term if the Applicant satisfies the selection, quality and price requirements and is able to deliver the Service as described in the Service Specifications.

The Provider List will be open for new Applications from the date of publication of this Invitation to Participate to the initial Application Return Deadline (as stated in the procurement documents or as amended via the Authority's iSupplier portal).

Following the initial Application evaluation stage the Provider List will remain open for new Applications at any time during the Provider List term, however evaluations of new Applications will take place annually as detailed below.

Please see below summary for Application Process to Join Provider List.

The Authority reserves the right to evaluate sooner. Evaluation dates will be published on the Authority's iSupplier portal as an online discussion or any other format which the Authority stipulates.

The contract values stated are indicative and may be subject to change with annual price uplifts; and/or commissioning of Service that fall under the scope of this Provider List. The values are a guide and the Authority cannot guarantee the volume of Services throughout the period of the Provider List Agreement.