



Business Opportunity

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 new Short Breaks Framework commenced on the **1st May 2019 and continues until 30th April 2021** with a possibility of 2 further 12 month extension periods. During this time the framework will be re-opened every 3 months for new providers to apply to deliver these services.

The framework is now open for bids and will close on 12th August 2019 at 2:00pm

There are 3 Lots on the framework which we would encourage you to apply for if you feel you can offer a service that will make a difference to children and young people's lives:

Lot 1 – Groups	Lot 2 – Community Care & Support	Lot 3 – Residential
We are looking for providers to set up and run regular group activities for R&C children and young people. Examples – After School Clubs, Weekend Clubs, Holiday Clubs, Stay and Play <i>NB - If you are only able to offer a number of places at an established group please apply under Lot 2.</i>	We are looking for providers who can provide care and support to children and young people in their home or community following a LA assessment. Examples – Domiciliary Care, Waking Nights, Befriending Service, Nursery Provision, Specialist Childminders, Established Group Provision (purchasing of individual places)	We are looking for providers who can provide overnight care away from the family's home following an LA assessment. Examples - Shared Lives, Hospices, Residential Care Homes, Childminders who are able to offer overnight stays

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**.