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| **Soft Market Test** |
| Disabled Children’s Playscheme  and Youth Groups |
| May 2021 |
| Disabled Children and Therapy Services |

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| Contract Title | Disabled Children’s Play Scheme and Youth Groups |
| Directorate | **Together for Families** |
| Service Area | Disabled Children and Therapy Service |

**Introduction**



Background

Cornwall Council requires services for play schemes and youth groups for disabled children and young people to meet our statutory duties, national guidance, local strategic priorities and best practice.

The Council is looking for a provider/s who will work with them to deliver quality services that meet the requirements below. The provider would need to provide experience of offering the services as outlined or similar services that demonstrate flexibility and that they can be responsive and give disabled children choice and control over how their eligible needs are met.

The overarching aims of the Disabled Children and Therapy Service are to promote and safeguard the welfare of disabled children and young people and to work in co-production to design and deliver a comprehensive quality service for disabled children and young people in Cornwall.

There is one Service Contract for which service providers may register an interest for. Details are as followed below.

**The Current Provision:**

Cornwall spends approximately £124,600 per annum on the Disabled Children’s Activity Play Scheme and Youth Groups.

The current Disabled Children’s Activity Play Scheme and Youth Groups contract provides quality care, support and positive peer group opportunities for disabled children and young people.

The aim of this service is to deliver:

• Activity Play Scheme for Children with a disability aged 5-18 years. The Activity Play Scheme currently supports children with a wide range of disabilities.

• Countywide youth groups, covering the East, Mid and West of Cornwall for disabled children and young people aged 14 – 25.

Targeted activity days for children and young people with more complex and profound conditions will be delivered as part of this service. The provider will be required to manage the referrals for access to the service.

**Service Delivery Requirements.**

Disabled Children’s Activity Play Scheme.

This service will deliver in the Easter and Summer holidays predominantly. The main purpose of the service is to:

• Provide friendship/social opportunities for disabled children and young people in the school holidays.

• Promote family resilience, supporting parents to continue within their caring role.

• Deliver locally planned school holiday schemes across 6 areas in Cornwall.

• Deliver group-based activities to support fun and positive opportunities for appropriate peer groups of disabled children.

• Provide a minimum of 40 holiday activity days. Of these 26 must be delivered across 6 localities ensuring flexibility, in order to meet the identified local need and minimise the distance that children and young people will travel, this is dependent on any current or future lockdown restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

• 1 day to be delivered in the Easter break across all 6 localities (a total of 6 days). This will be determined by an identified need to reflect geographical spread of service.

• This leaves 8 total of days to be delivered throughout the county over half term breaks or weekends. These are to be provided according to need and may be family days and delivered in response to engagement with service users.

• Places on each activity day will be limited to 15.

• The services offered will include provision for 1-1 support on any activity day.

• Additional places can be purchased by families directly but only if the provider can safely and appropriately support the additional young people and only if this exceeds the contracted places (15 per activity).

• The provider may also deliver additional days that can be directly purchased by families these also must be over the 40 days within the contract term per annum.

The provider must:

• Proactively demonstrate and provide evidence of the take up and places filled on each activity day.

• Hold a service request list

**Youth Groups**

The Provider must organise and deliver:

• Three youth groups on a weekly basis to ensure weekly provision in venues within each of the following areas East, Mid & West Cornwall.

• There will be a minimum of 30 x 2-hour youth groups in each area. 1 Support Worker to work in partnership with 1 Cornwall Council youth worker – delivering for a group with a maximum of 20 disabled children and young people, aged 14 – 25 years old.

• The 3 x workers for East, Mid and West are responsible for running a youth group and offering continuity between holiday activities and youth groups.

• Provision of a range of age appropriate, positive activities for young people aged 14- 25.

• Personal and social development opportunities

• Activities that support young people’s aspirations.

• Support and advice to support young people within their transition to adulthood.

• Proactively demonstrate and provide evidence of the membership and participation for each youth group.

• Hold a service request list.

Information Required

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| Interested organisations who consider that they would be able to meet the potential outlined requirements (delivery of services to the approximate values identified above) are invited to submit their details along with any additional information which may be relevant and of interest to the Council. Where organisations are interested in more than one Lot please complete the questions below for each relevant section.  Your Name and position in organisation:  Organisation Name:  Background information of your organisation:  Organisation e-mail contact address:  Your telephone number:  Section 1: Disabled Children’s Play Scheme & Youth Groups  1a) Please provide details of potential services that you could provide in relation to the requirements of the Disabled Children Activity Play Scheme and Youth Groups detailed above.  1b) Please outline how your approach would be flexible, creative and innovative. Please include reference to how you have demonstrated this and adapted services to provide activities and support during the COVID-19 pandemic.  1c) Give an detailed overview of how you would ensure that a high-quality service that delivers to individual and collective needs to give safe care.  1d) From an initial assessment, if this became a formal procurement opportunity, would your organisation seek a partnership approach?  1e) If so, why would this be needed, what type of partners would you envisage and what additional value would they bring to the proposition?  1f) Please provide details of similar contracts / experience that you have delivered.  1g) Please detail any issues concerns or risks that might prevent your organisation from participating in a future tender exercise to provide these services.  1h) Additional information you consider to be relevant. |

Further information

If you have any questions please contact Michelle Collins, Cornwall Council by email: Michelle.collins@cornwall.gov.uk.

Please provide your response via **Due North** no later than 17.00 hrs on 24th May 2021 to michelle.collins@cornwall.gov.uk.

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