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| **Soft Market Test for Carefree (In Care / Leaving Care Service CIC & Participation & Engagement Service)** |
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| **Contract Title** | In Care / Leaving Care (CIC) and the Participation & Engagement Service for Children and Young People In Care and Care Leavers |
| **Directorate** | Together for Families |
| **Service Area** | Children and Families |

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| **Introduction** |
| Cornwall Council has statutory duties in relation to Children in Care (CIC) and Children in Care and Care Leavers in Cornwall accessing Participation and Engagement opportunities.  **In Care / Leaving Care CIC**  The service leads on empowering children in care and care leavers to: participate; support children in private fostering arrangements; receive and supporting unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, provide specialist support to carers (including special guardians) and life-long adoption support.  The services also provide a specialist, multi-disciplinary support to children on the edge of care and their families, with the aim of preventing family breakdown and keeping children out of the care system, either at home or with their wider family.  **Participation & Engagement**  This service provides an effective, young people led Participation and Engagement service.  The service also improves confidence, communication skills, resilience and self-esteem, providing a range of activities which young people are supported to take part in and will   * Enable learning through a range of information education activities and settings. * Provide opportunities, activities and support or young people to overcome barriers to personal and social development and to further develop their pro-social skills and personal abilities. * Recognise the value of peer support through the provision peer led activities and programmes and provides further opportunities and roles for young people In Care / Care Leavers to support their peers, i.e. (peer mentoring / befriending schemes.   The Council would like to gather information on alternative delivery models, future demand and commissioning approaches, to make informed decisions about future provision for Children in Care (CIC) and Children in Care and Care Leavers Participation and Engagement service.  Cornwall Council is therefore conducting a soft market assessment to gain an understanding of the potential level of interest in providing a service for children in care (CIC) and for Children in Care and Care leavers accessing Participation and Engagement opportunities.  It is intended that the responses supplied will enable the Council to develop a business proposal. Any such proposal would be subject to the development and approval of a business case, and, as such, this exercise implies no commercial commitment. This is not a formal tender document.  Participation of this soft market assessment will not prejudice suppliers participating in any future procurement.  If you are interested in this area of service provision and also helping with our assessment of the market, please complete the “Information Required” section at the end of this notice along with any additional information you consider to be relevant and return this via **Due North or e-mail to** [**Melissa.Williams@cornwall.gov.uk**](mailto:Melissa.Williams@cornwall.gov.uk) **by noon on Tuesday 30th June 20.** |
| **Background** |
| Current Provision:  The principal legislation that underpins Children in Care is:   * The Care Planning Regulations 2010 Children in Care and Care Leavers.   **In Care / Leaving Care CIC**   * Cornwall spends approximately £285,204 per year on the Children in Care provision each year. * The current provider assists approximately 150 young people throughout the year.   **Participation & Engagement**   * Cornwall spends approximately £112,588.00 per year on the Participation and Engagement provision each year. * The current provider assists approximately 150 young people throughout the year. |
| **Information Required** |
| ***General Information***   1. **Organisation Name:** 2. **Your Name and position in organisation:** 3. **Background information of your organisation:** 4. **Organisation e-mail contact address:** 5. **Your telephone number:**   ***Contract Specific Questions***   1. **Please provide details of potential services that you could provide in relation to the requirements detailed above.** 2. **From an initial assessment, if this became a formal procurement opportunity, would your organisation seek a partnership approach? If so, what type of partners would you envisage and what additional value would they bring to the proposition?** 3. **Please provide details of similar contracts / experience that you have delivered.** 4. **Please detail any issues concerns or risks that might prevent your organisation from participating in a future procurement exercise to provide these services.** 5. **Please provide details of aspect which you feel would disproportionately impact your ability to provide value for money should this become a formal procurement opportunity.**   **None** |

Further information

Please provide your response via Due North or email to [Melissa.Williams@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Melissa.Williams@cornwall.gov.uk) by no later than noon on **Tuesday 30th June 20**.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.