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| **Soft Market Test** |
| Group Activities for Children and  Young People with Sensory Loss |
| May 2021 |
| Disabled Children and Therapy Services |

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| Contract Title | Group Activities for Children and Young People with Sensory Loss |
| Directorate | **Together for Families** |
| Service Area | Disabled Children and Therapy Service |

**Introduction**



Background

Cornwall Council requires a short break service for children and young people with sensory loss and complex care needs in order 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 follows:

Cornwall currently spends £60,000 per annum on Group Activities for children and young people with sensory loss.

Current Provision:

The contract aims to provide a range of fun and positive experiences for disabled children and young people aged 11-19 years who have a single or dual sensory impairment and additional complex needs.

The service is expected to deliver a county wide provision:

• 2 days per month (term time) / 72 days or 1080 hours

• 1 day per week (holiday period) / 16 weeks or 120 hours.

• The service requirement is for a minimum of 24 individuals with sensory impairments or other complex needs throughout Cornwall.

The Key aspects of good performance are;

• Flexibility: Flexible service to meet the changing needs of the child and family.

• Independence: To build on self-esteem and independence skills by supporting young people with these specific needs; to build friendships and social opportunities.

• Participation involving parents, carer's and young people with single or dual sensory impairment and other complex needs in the planning, commissioning and delivery of services.

• Inclusion: To promote social inclusion and community participation with the changing needs of young people with single or dual sensory impairment and other complex needs.

• Feedback: Clear, published procedures for complaints, comments and compliments.

Service Delivery Requirements

• To provide fun and positive short breaks for young people with a sensory impairment and additional complex needs.

• To work in co-production by involving each young person in any decisions about activities or learning.

• Provide activities focussed on the 'Transitional' age range that focuses on personal development, independence and social skills.

Information Required

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| Interested organisations who consider that they would be able to meet the 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: Group Activities for Children and Young People with Sensory Loss**  **1a) Please provide details of potential services that you could provide in relation to the requirements of the service detailed above.**  **1b) Please outline how your approach will 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 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.

**Alternative Format**

If you would like this information in another format or language, please contact:

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