

**Portal Contract Reference: DN508501**  
**Internal Contract Reference: CS5638**  
**Contract Title: Befriending Short breaks Services Framework**  
**Initial Contract Duration: 2 years**  
**Extensions: 2 years (1 +1)**  
**Estimated Contract Value (including extensions): £800,000**  
**Annual Value: £200,000**  
**Expressions of interest start date: 01/12/2020**  
**Return of tenders/bids end date: 06/01/2021**

### **Description:**

The Council has a statutory obligation to provide some form of short break or respite provision for children and young people with disabilities. One of the ways Tower Hamlets Council has chosen to fulfil that obligation is in the provision of befriending services.

This contract is for the provision of befriending services for children and young people aged 5-year-old to 18 years old (not inclusive):

This will include:

- Children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and severe learning difficulties
- Children and young people with complex health needs, including those with physical and/or learning disabilities, those who require palliative care (continuing care) and those with associated sensory impairments. Complex health needs include children and young people with profound and multiple learning difficulties and complex and severe medical needs who may also have additional physical and/or sensory impairment.

We are looking for competent contractors to deliver services to the Borough's children, young people and families (approximately 148 children) through a range of innovative, targeted and universal interventions/activities aimed at building resilience and reducing inequalities.

The Council will approve a maximum of 4 contractors into the Framework. Contractors will need to have achieved a minimum of 60% of the weighted score.

### **Additional Information:**

Bidders should note that the Contract relates to services that fall under the "light touch" regime of Regulations 74 to 77 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This Procurement Exercise will therefore be run in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as they apply to "light touch" services. While the Authority is following a process similar to an Open Procedure to set up a Framework Agreement under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 neither that fact nor any other statements, acts or omissions of the Authority in connection with this Procurement Exercise should be taken as indicating that the Authority intends to be bound by the provisions of the Public Contracts

Regulations 2015 or the general principles of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to any greater extent than applies by law.

Organisations wishing to express their interest are requested to **register** on the London Tenders Portal ([www.londontenders.org](http://www.londontenders.org)) where any related documentation and future ITT in regards to this opportunity available for download.

Organisations must ensure that access to the system is available to their representatives dealing with the contract and that this contact is updated as and when required.

The council will not be liable for the lack of delegated access within the organisation and will not send any documentation regarding the opportunity, which shall be exclusively available through the portal.

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If you require any further information prior to submit and expression of interest please contact the Council via email [procurement@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@towerhamlets.gov.uk) quoting the contract internal reference number.