

Invitation to Pre-Market Engagement Event – Provision of Short Breaks and Personal Care at Home Services for Children & Young People with Special Educational Needs, Disabilities or Complex Health Needs



Partners from Bradford Children and Families Trust*, The City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council and NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board are working together to review and develop short break services for children and young people with special educational needs, disabilities or complex health needs.

The Council has a statutory duty to provide a range of services which is sufficient to assist carers to continue to provide care or to do so more effectively. Short break provision can range from a few hours a week to an allocated number of overnight breaks per year. Short breaks can include:

- Day-time care in the homes of disabled children or elsewhere,
- Overnight care in the homes of disabled children or elsewhere,
- Educational or leisure activities for disabled children outside their homes and,
- Services available to assist carers in the evenings, at weekends and during school holidays.

Our aim, as a partnership, is to provide a wider range of high-quality short breaks provision to support improved outcomes for children and their families. During 2024-5 we are planning to procure short break services alongside personal support and care services for children and young people, aged 0-18 with disabilities or complex health needs.

We are engaging with children and families to ascertain their requirements to ensure they are captured in the new service.

We would like to invite potential providers to attend a market engagement event to help us inform the development of the specification and our commissioning approach to ensure that the best service is achieved within the funding envelope.

The event will aim to share our priorities, proposed service model and commissioning approach, and to obtain feedback from providers. This is also an opportunity for potential providers to highlight the latest developments and innovations within this sector/industry. Feedback from the pre-market engagement event may be incorporated into the specification ensuring it is fit for purpose for all parties.

Please see the meeting details below:

Date/Time: Friday 29th November 14.00 -15.30

Location: Microsoft Teams.

To register for this event please email ChildrensCommissioning@bradford.gov.uk using the title **Pre-Market Engagement Event – Provision of Short Breaks and Personal Care at Home Services** in the subject matter.

We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Children's Services

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