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Dear Provider,

I am pleased to confirm that the Provider List for Break Time, Home Care and Short Breaks Services for children and young people with disabilities has now reopened for new applications.

We would like to take this opportunity to share some of the positive changes ahead of the 1st April 2022. Apply to join the Provider List and you will benefit from the following:

Supporting providers – by inviting providers to tender an hourly rate. There will be no ceiling rate for the price, however Applicants are encouraged to provide a competitive price as this will be considered when commissioning services. As part of the application process, the Authority will need to satisfy itself that the prices submitted are a reasonable price for the Services to be delivered and are sustainable.

Improving service quality – children and young people will be at the centre of services. There will be a greater focus on positive outcomes and supporting independence.

Strengthening the approach to contracting – by being clear with Providers about our requirements, regular contract monitoring and quality assurance. Annual uplifts will also be available for Providers on the Provider List.

We are now actively looking for Providers who want to make a difference to the lives of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities in Lancashire.

We would welcome an application from you if you can provide:

- Individualised support to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities to enable them to get out and about in the community, try new activities and learn skills for life.

- The provision of care services in the home to help families with the care of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

These services are intended to give parents and carers a break from their caring role or support in caring for their children or young person.

Please be aware that existing service users whose current provider is not awarded a place on the Provider List will have their care package transferred to a successful provider of their choice, unless they wish to take a direct payment to manage their own arrangements.

Existing service users whose current provider is awarded a place on the Provider List will remain with their existing provider to ensure continuity of care, unless they expressly choose otherwise.

We will continue to work in collaboration with our providers, the Lancashire Parent Carer Forum, POWAR (our participation network for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities), children and young people and their parents and carers so that we can make sure that there is a range of good quality short breaks available across Lancashire.

Providers who may be interested in delivering the services above are invited to an engagement event. The purpose of the event is to give you the opportunity to ask questions and to find out more about our Break Time, Home Care and Short Breaks Services in Lancashire.

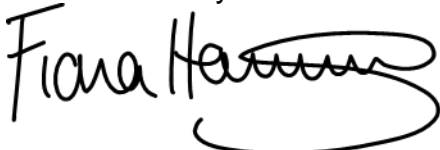
**Online engagement event for Homecare Providers – Wednesday 16th February
11:00 – 12:30.**

To register for the event or if you have any questions or want to explore the possibilities, please contact the cyp-shortbreaks@lancashire.gov.uk mailbox alternatively, you can contact Lisa Taylor on 01772 531 389.

Further information about this procurement opportunity can be found please follow this link [Tenders and procurement - Lancashire County Council](#).

You can read Lancashire County Council's Short Break Statement on the Local Offer at: [Lancashire Short Break Services Statement - Lancashire County Council](#)

Yours Sincerely



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