

# Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire  
County Council

## CS16459 – Procurement of Overnight Respite Open (ONR) Framework

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### Description of current service/policy

Overnight Respite services are part of the Short Break services that local authorities are required to offer to children with a disability and their families as part of their statutory duty. The Council currently has one in-house unit and a Framework Agreement with three providers in Hampshire and on the borders, providing overnight residential respite care to children with disabilities. There are also a small number of off contract residential respite providers providing placements to the council. The current level of need for Children to access respite is 76 Children and young people accessing 1860 nights of respite, and a further 11 children pending assessment or allocation.

Geographical impact: All  
Hampshire

### Description of proposed change

The current overnight respite framework is due to cease in September 2021. A new framework is required from October 2021 to deliver overnight respite placements for new referrals. The delivery method of the service remains the same with no proposed changes. The council will review all relevant documentation including the service specifications to ensure all information is current and meets the identified needs.

### Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

### Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

Engagement and feedback happen continually at an operational level with Social Workers gaining the views of Children and Families at individual reviews. This information feeds into the commissioning strategy for future service provision. During the life of the current framework, contract management and supplier relationship management has been undertaken to ensure that the Council has a robust understanding of the Market capacity and capability in meeting the needs of children and young people with a disability and their families.

<b>Statutory considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Age:</b> Positive	The Overnight Respite service will have a positive impact on children and young people with a disability and their families through the provision of individualised, age appropriate, respite packages which enable both the young person and their family to receive respite.	
<b>Disability:</b> Positive	The Overnight Respite service will have a positive impact on children and young people with a disability and their families through the provision of individualised, age appropriate, respite packages which enable both the young person and their family to receive respite.	
<b>Sexual orientation:</b> Neutral		
<b>Race:</b> Neutral		

<b>Religion and belief:</b> Neutral		
<b>Gender reassignment:</b> Neutral		
<b>Gender:</b> Neutral		
<b>Marriage and civil partnership:</b> Neutral		
<b>Pregnancy and maternity:</b> Neutral		
<b>Other policy considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Poverty:</b> Neutral		
<b>Rurality:</b> Neutral		

**Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)**

**Any other information**