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## **Independent Fostering Agency (IFA)**

Central Bedfordshire Council

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04354b

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Chicksands

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#### **Email**

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://in-tendhost.co.uk/centralbedfordshire>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Independent Fostering Agency (IFA)

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Independent Fostering Agency – Approved Provider List OpportunityCentral Bedfordshire

Council, Bedford Borough Council and Luton Council as strategic partners, will be opening up an opportunity for IFA's to join their Approved Provider List (APL) when this is recommissioned in 2045/25 and be part of a committed and trusted suite of providers that offer homes to our looked after children. We are looking to invite applications in Autumn of 2024 and are currently in the process of consulting internal stakeholders, agencies and children on a remodelled specification. We would like to invite interested providers to a virtual Provider Engagement Event on Tuesday 19th March at 2pm – 3pm. Agenda Needs across the area Sharing of the draft specification for comment or feedback Opportunity for providers to give their views, feedback and to ask questions around joining an Approved Provider List Please contact Shelley Cummings at [shelley.cummings@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:shelley.cummings@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) to confirm

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

29 January 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No