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## **PIN Notice - IFA**

Luton Council

Central Bedfordshire Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-002929

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04356f

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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**Country**

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**Region code**

UKH21 - Luton

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.luton.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.luton.gov.uk>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Central Bedfordshire Council

Dunstable

**Email**

[Linda.Sharpstone@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Linda.Sharpstone@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKH21 - Luton

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

### **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**

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Reference number

DN708958

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Independent Fostering Agency – Approved Provider List Opportunity

Central 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.

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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

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH21 - Luton

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

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

30 September 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: Yes