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Planning

Fostering and Continuing Care

Scotland Excel

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10383

I.2) Information about 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

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Fostering and Continuing Care

Reference number

0924

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Prior Information Notice and this additional information relates to a consultation exercise only.

This PIN pertains to a forthcoming Framework for Fostering & Continuing Care Services. The Framework will support local authorities to access nurturing family homes for children and young people who are care experienced.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Standard Fostering Service

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Various locations throughout the geographical boundaries of the participating councils within Scotland.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 "Standard Fostering Service" pertains to the provision of Fostering & Continuing Care services for children and young people where the level of need and risk has been assessed as at 'additional' through the Child's Well Being Pathway.

II.2.14) Additional information

This lotting structure is provisional and subject to change.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Enhanced Fostering Service

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Various locations throughout the geographical boundaries of the participating councils within Scotland.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 "Enhanced Fostering Service" pertains to the provision of Fostering & Continuing Care services for children and young people where the level of need and risk has been assessed as at the 'Intensive' through the Child's Well Being Pathway.

II.2.14) Additional information

This lotting structure is provisional and subject to change.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 May 2026

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This notice relates to a consultation exercise only. Scotland Excel has developed and currently manages a framework for Fostering & Continuing Care Services on behalf of local authorities. This framework is due to expire in December 2026, and we are currently in the early stages of scoping and developing a new framework which we anticipate will commence January 2027.

We are keen to solicit the views of IFAs to ensure that the new framework is aligned to the needs of the sector. At this stage there is an opportunity for interested parties to participate in a survey in the first instance, followed by thematic workshops. Scotland Excel envisages publishing a tender on behalf of its members at a future date.

To access the initial survey, please click on either of the links at the end of this section, noted below.

Survey Links:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/ScotlandExcel1/CopyOfFosteringContinuingCare0924IFAs>

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=821274.](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=821274)

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