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## **NEPO605 - Children's Advocacy, independent people for Children and Adult Complaints and Secure Reviews (C-012113) - Opening One**

Newcastle City Council  
Darlington Borough Council  
Durham County Council  
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council  
Hartlepool Brough Council  
Middlesbrough Council  
North Tyneside Council  
Northumberland County Council  
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council  
South Tyneside Council  
Stockton Borough Council  
Sunderland City Council

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

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

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Main address

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

Darlington Borough Council

Darlington

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**Region code**

UKC13 - Darlington

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

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Durham

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UKC14 - Durham CC

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

Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council

Gateshead

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United Kingdom

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

Hartlepool Brough Council

Hartlepool

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United Kingdom

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UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

Middlesbrough Council

Middlesbrough

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

North Tyneside Council

North Tyneside

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

Northumberland County Council

Morpeth

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC21 - Northumberland

**Internet address(es)**

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<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Home.aspx>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

Redcar

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

South Tyneside Council

South Shields

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC22 - Tyneside

**Internet address(es)**

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

Stockton Borough Council

Stockton-on-Tees

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

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Main address

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

Sunderland City Council

Sunderland

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC23 - Sunderland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/>

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

The contract involves joint procurement

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org)

**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**

NEPO605 - Children's Advocacy, independent people for Children and Adult Complaints and Secure Reviews (C-012113) - Opening One

Reference number

NEPO605 - (P-007452 / C-012113)

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Newcastle City Council ("the Lead Authority") acting as the lead authority on behalf of the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) and its Member Authorities, has awarded a Flexible Procurement Agreement (Contract) for:

Lot 1 - Children's Advocacy,

Lot 2 - NOT USED

Lot 3 - Investigating Officers (Children and Adult Stage Two Complaints)

Lot 4 - Independent Persons (Children and Adult Stage Two Complaints)

Lot 5 - Independent Chairs for Stage Three Statutory Children's Social Care Complaints

Lot 6 - Independent Panellists for Stage Three Statutory Children's Social Care Complaints

Lot 7 - Independent Persons for Secure Accommodation Reviews

This Notice is for Opening One of this Flexible Procurement Agreement (Contract) and the Council is inviting tenders for Lots 3 - 7 only.

The North East regional governance arrangements have determined that this is a non-mandatory collaborative exercise, and as a result, Local Authorities can 'opt-in' to the six different elements of the solution, with some Local Authorities choosing to continue to purchase some of these services through other local arrangements.

The Participating Local Authorities 'opting in' to the initial phase of this solution will be:

1. Darlington - all elements
2. Durham - all elements except Children's Advocacy
3. Gateshead - all elements
4. Hartlepool - all elements
5. Middlesbrough - all elements
6. Newcastle (Lead Authority) - all elements
7. North Tyneside - all elements
8. Northumberland - all elements except Children's Advocacy
9. Redcar & Cleveland - all elements
10. South Tyneside - all elements
11. Stockton - all elements, and
12. Sunderland - all elements

Local Authorities who have 'opted out' for any Lot at this initial period of the solution may 'opt-in' to use the solution during its term.

The agreement will be available for use by all NEPO Members. A list of member organisations is available in the About section of the NEPO website at: [www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org).

This agreement will also be made available to all current and future NEPO Associate Members. Current Associate Members are listed in the Associate Member section of the NEPO website at: [www.nepo.org/associate-membership/list](http://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/list).

NEPO intends to make the resulting agreement available for use by all Contracting Authorities throughout all administrative regions of the UK (as defined by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015) including but not limited to Government Departments and

their Agencies, Non-Departmental Public Bodies, Central Government, NHS Bodies, Local Authorities, Emergency Services, Coastguard Emergency Services, Educational Establishments, Registered Social Landlords and Registered Charities who have a need to purchase the above services.

A complete list of permissible users is shown on the NEPO website below:

<https://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/permissible-users>

Organisations wishing to access the NEPO agreement will be required to register as a NEPO Associate Member in the first instance.

Further information can be found at: [www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org)

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 - Investigating Officers (Children and Adult Stage Two Complaints)

Lot No

1

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

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

Lot 3 - Investigating Officers (Children and Adult Stage Two Complaints)

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12-month options to extend

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 12-month options to extend

**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 - Independent Persons (Children and Adult Stage Two Complaints)

Lot No

2

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

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

Lot 4 - Independent Persons (Children and Adult Stage Two Complaints)

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12-month options to extend

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 12-month options to extend

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 5 - Independent Chairs for Stage Three Statutory Children's Social Care Complaints

Lot No

3

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

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

Lot 5 - Independent Chairs for Stage Three Statutory Children's Social Care Complaints

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12-month options to extend

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 12-month options to extend

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 6 - Independent Panellists for Stage Three Statutory Children's Social Care Complaints

Lot No

4

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

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

Lot 6 - Independent Panellists for Stage Three Statutory Children's Social Care Complaints

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12-month options to extend

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 12-month options to extend

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 7 - Independent Persons for Secure Accommodation Reviews

Lot No

5

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

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

Lot 7 - Independent Persons for Secure Accommodation Reviews



### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12-month options to extend

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 12-month options to extend

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

18 May 2022

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

19 May 2022

Local time

9:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Newcastle City Council

Newcastle

Country

United Kingdom