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Planning

## **Birth Family Support and Counselling Service in Adoption, Regional Origins Tracing Service and Advice, Support, Signposting and Advocacy Service for Adults in Adoption**

Procurement and Logistics Service

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Prior information only

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

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

Procurement and Logistics Service

73 Loughgall Road

Armagh

BT61 7PR

#### **Email**

[PaLSSocialcare.Sourcing@hscni.net](mailto:PaLSSocialcare.Sourcing@hscni.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**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**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Birth Family Support and Counselling Service in Adoption, Regional Origins Tracing Service and Advice, Support, Signposting and Advocacy Service for Adults in Adoption

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Birth Family Support and Counselling Service in Adoption, Regional Origins Tracing Service and Advice, Support, Signposting and Advocacy Service for Adults in Adoption.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

HSC wish to inform the market that they are planning to procure the provision of a Birth Family Support and Counselling Service in Adoption, Regional Origins Tracing Service and Advice, Support, Signposting and Advocacy Service for Adults in Adoption.

- Independent Birth Family Support and Counselling Service - this service is for birth

parents and other birth family members including children, where a child has been adopted.

- Regional Tracing Origins Service for adult adoptees and birth families in Adoption - this service traces birth parents and adoptees on referral from a Registered Adoption Agency in Northern Ireland.
- Advice, Support, Signposting and Advocacy Service for adults seeking information about their past or for tracing in adoption - this service signposts those searching for information in relation to birth relatives or adopted adults to the appropriate organisation and advocates on their behalf where this is required.

It will be a requirement of the tender that the Provider (or Lead Agency) is a Registered Adoption Agency by the start date of the new contract.

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice is to raise awareness of an upcoming procurement and gauge the level of interest in the provision of such services in advance of any formal tender process.

To make an expression of interest please email [PaLSSocialcare.Sourcing@hscni.net](mailto:PaLSSocialcare.Sourcing@hscni.net) providing the following information:

- organisation name;
- brief description of services you provide; and
- web address if applicable.

The tender is still in preparation and tender details have not yet been finalised and are subject to change. Full tender details will be included in the suite of tender documents which will be available for download when the tender is advertised.

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) has been published in the Find a Tender Service (FTS) via the Procurement and Logistics Service (PaLS) eTendersNI procurement portal: <https://eTendersni.gov.uk/>. Any tender opportunity will also be advertised using this same procurement portal - eTendersNI.

Tenderers must be registered on eTendersNI and have selected the Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) Code 85000000 (Health and social work services), 85300000 (Social work and related services) and 85312300 (Guidance and counselling services).

The tender is likely to be advertised in the coming month(s). It is your responsibility to find this or any tender opportunity when it is advertised, please check the portal regularly for

tender opportunities.

Note: This is not a call for tender. Market awareness is for information purposes only. Any interest shown does not constitute a commitment to participate in a procurement exercise. Failure to show interest does not restrict providers from participating in any procurement exercise. There is no guarantee a procurement process will run.

Note: The Public Contract Regulations (PCR 2015) have changed the way HSC are required to procure social and other specific services 'to the person' with the introduction of the light touch regime (LTR) — (Regulation 74– 77 applies).

A decision with regards to lots has not been finalised.

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

2 August 2021

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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