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Planning

Provision of Fostering Agency Placements Flexible Agreement - Provider Engagement Event

Lancashire County Council
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Blackpool Council
Cumbria County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.1) Name and addresses

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

Blackburn

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKD - North West (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.1) Name and addresses

Blackpool Council

Blackpool

Email

caphprocurement@lancashire.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKD - North West (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.1) Name and addresses

Cumbria County Council

Cumbria

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKD - North West (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Fostering Agency Placements Flexible Agreement - Provider Engagement Event

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provider Engagement Event 9th July 2021 10am-12noon.

Blackburn, Blackpool, Cumbria and Lancashire (BBCL) have been involved in a project to improve regional foster care sufficiency. As part of this project, BBCL are intending to carry out a procurement exercise establish a flexible agreement for the commissioning of fostering placements by the four authorities. The flexible agreement will be a list of approved Independent Foster Care Providers and will allow new providers to be apply to be on the Flexible Agreement every three years. We intend to have three lots within the Flexible Agreement, each having a tiered approach to enable the Authorities to work collaboratively with those Providers successful in being placed into tier 1. The purpose of this virtual engagement is to highlight the activity that has occurred to date and what the authorities are planning for the procurement exercise. There will also be an opportunity to ask and answer questions. Independent Foster Care Providers should attend so that they are fully informed of the authorities' plans and what they, as potential tenderers, will need to do. It is our intention that a procurement process will follow this provider engagement. Please check this page regularly for updates and ensure your organisation is register on our iSupplier portal support - Lancashire County Council.

The Authority reserves the right to amend what is set out in the engagement events and documents. Any procurement process that may be conducted will only be in accordance with the procurement documents that are published. Please regularly check these pages for the Procurement Process details.

Please note that participation (or non-participation) in the events will confer no advantage or disadvantage should commissioners commence the formal procurement process.

Please see advert on LCC website for details of how to book a place at the Virtual Provider Engagement Event

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/tenders-and-procurement/tenders/provider-engagement-provision-of-fostering-agency-placements-flexible-agreement-blackburn-blackpool-cumbria-and-lancashire/>

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £40,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 Mainstream Foster Care

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 Mainstream Foster Care. The provision of foster care placements for children and young people aged 0-4, 5-10, 11-15, 16+ and Parent and Child placements

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 Enhanced Foster Care.

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 Enhanced Foster Care. The provision of foster care placements and support services for children and young people with enhanced needs

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 Step Down Foster Care.

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3 Step Down Foster Care. The provision of foster care placements and support services for children and young people who are placed within Residential Care or on a trajectory to be placed within Residential Care.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 September 2021

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