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Future opportunity

## **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**

Lancashire County Council

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKD - North West (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/isupplier/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

Blackburn

**Email**

[caphprocurement@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:caphprocurement@lancashire.gov.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKD - North West (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Blackpool Council

Blackpool

**Email**

[caphprocurement@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:caphprocurement@lancashire.gov.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKD - North West (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Cumbria County Council

Cumbria

**Email**

[caphprocurement@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:caphprocurement@lancashire.gov.uk)

**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

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## **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

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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