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Contract

# Flexible Agreement for the provision of Fostering Agency Placements

**Lancashire County Council** 

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

## I.1) Name and addresses

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#### Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### **NUTS** code

UKD45 - Mid Lancashire

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/tenders-and-procurement/

## 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

Flexible Agreement for the provision of Fostering Agency Placements

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Lancashire Council (the Council) are leading on the procurement of an open Flexible

Agreement for the Provision of Fostering Agency Placements.

Since 2019 Blackburn with Darwen Council, Blackpool Council, Cumbria County Council and

Lancashire County Council (BBLC) have been collaborating as part of a Department of Education funded project to improve the sufficiency of foster care placements across the authorities. By working together, the four Contracting Bodies have developed the Flexible Agreement which this procurement intends to establish, with the aim to influence the behaviour of these agencies in order to prioritise the Children from the four Contracting Bodies within the combined authorities' geographical footprint.

The Flexible Agreement will be a list of approved Independent Foster Care Providers.

It is intended that the Flexible Agreement will remain effect for 9 years, Service Contracts can be awarded as call-off contracts as detailed within the Invitation to Participate (ITP).

This procurement procedure is considered to be subject to the Light Touch Regime under

Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

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Providers can apply to join the Flexible Agreement, if Applicants satisfy the required criteria.

The Flexible Agreement will be open for new Applications during the initial Application phase. Once the initial Application deadline has passed (see ITP for dates), Providers can apply to join every three years throughout the term. (See the Council's eTendering portal iSupplier and ITP for dates). Following an evaluation process, applicants will receive an outcome notification. Successful Applicants will be required to sign a Flexible Agreement Page 4 to 12

and will be appointed as a provider.

Lancashire County Council's Flexible Agreement may be used by Contracting Authorities

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listed below and any successor council as defined in The Local Government (Structural

Changes) (Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Regulations 2008 to the

Contracting Authorities.

Cumbria County Council

Blackpool Council

Blackburn with Darwen Council

Please note that Cumbria County Council is currently undergoing a local government

reorganisation and Government has announced that Cumbria County Council is to be

replaced by two unitary authorities with effect form 01 April 2023. Therefore, Cumbria

County Council will be entitled to novate the Flexible Agreement for the provision of

Fostering Agency Placements to any successor council.

The Flexible Agreement will be split into the following Lots:

Lot 1 Mainstream Foster Care

Lot 2 Enhanced Foster Care

Lot 3 Step Down Foster Care

Applicants must be successful in Lot 1 to be eligible for Lot 2 and/or Lot 3.

Estimated total value up to £375,000,000 - £415,000,000.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £415,000,000

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 Standard 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.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: as per tender documents / Weighting: 0

Price - Weighting: as per tender documents

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Quality and Price criteria as per the published tender documents

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## 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.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: as per the tender documents / Weighting: 0

Price - Weighting: as per the tender documents

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Quality and Price criteria as per the published evaluation criteria

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# II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 Step Down into 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 into 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.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: as per the tender documents / Weighting: 0

Price - Weighting: as per the tender documents

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

#### II.2.14) Additional information

Quality and Price criteria as per the published tender documents

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: <u>2022/S 000-001202</u>

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

## V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 June 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 31

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ACORN HOUSE FOSTERING SERVICES

Oldham

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

## V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 June 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

**ACTIVE CARE SOLUTIONS LTD** 

Worcestershire

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

## V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 June 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ALPHA PLUS FOSTERING LTD

**BOLTON** 

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

## V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 June 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CAPSTONE FOSTER CARE (NORTH) LTD

Basingstoke

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

## V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 June 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

**CARITAS CARE LTD** 

**PRESTON** 

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

## V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 June 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CHILD ACTION NORTHWEST

**BLACKBURN** 

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

## V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 June 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

**COMMUNITY FOSTER CARE** 

Gloucester

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

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22 June 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

COMPASS COMMUNITY LTD

Leicester

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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Number of tenders received: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

**CUFFE & LACEY ASSOCIATES LTD** 

ST ANNES

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

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22 June 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

**EXCEL FOSTERING LTD** 

Hampshire

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

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22 June 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

FAMILY CARE ASSOCIATES LTD

**PRESTON** 

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

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22 June 2022

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Number of tenders received: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

FAMILY FOSTERCARE LTD

Doncaster

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

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22 June 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

FIVE RIVERS CHILD CARE LTD - SAFEHOUSES

Denshaw

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATES LTD

Stoke

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

FOSTERING CHANGES LIFE

Bury

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

FOSTERING PEOPLE LTD

Nottingham

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

FOSTERING SOLUTIONS LTD

bolton

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

**FUSION FOSTERING LTD** 

Somerset

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

#### LORIMER FOSTER SERVICES

Altrincham

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

NATIONAL FOSTERING AGENCY

bolton

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

**OLIVE BRANCH FOSTERING** 

Harrow

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ORANGE GROVE FOSTERCARE LTD

Worcestershire

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

PARALLEL PARENTS LTD

Stockport

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

PEOPLE WHO FOSTER

Kent

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

THE ADOLESCENT & CHILDRENS TRUST

Hither Green

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

THE FOSTER CARE CO-OPERATIVE LTD

Worcestershire

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

THREE CIRCLES FOSTERING LTD

Wilmslow

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

TOGETHER TRUST

Cheadle

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

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The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

**TUTIS FOSTER CARE** 

Whitehaven

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

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21 June 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 34

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

**UK FOSTERING LTD** 

Dartford

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

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21 June 2022

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#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SWIIS FOSTER CARE LTD

bristol

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.3) Additional information

Contract values are estimated and allows for cost increases during the term and new applicants being admitted. The estimated total value is up to £375,000,000 -

£415,000,000.

This is an on open flexible agreement, evaluation of new applications will be at least three yearly.

## VI.4) Procedures for review

## VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice - The High Court

London

Country

**United Kingdom**