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## **Residential Children's Home Services (block bed purchase) Westmorland and Furness**

Westmorland and Furness Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-050ca2

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

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

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**Region code**

UKD - North West (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.the-chest.gov.uk](http://www.the-chest.gov.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.the-chest.gov.uk](http://www.the-chest.gov.uk)

**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**

## Residential Children's Home Services (block bed purchase) Westmorland and Furness

Reference number

DN771349

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

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When children are unable to continue to live with their family and need to be cared for by the Council, foster care is often the best option, where they can continue to live and thrive in a family environment.

However, in some situations foster care may not be the right option to meet a child's needs, and a residential children's home is more suitable at that time in a child's life.

In most circumstances, whether moving to foster or residential care, it is preferable for a child to remain living within their local area close to family, friends, contacts, and education. Children often choose to return to live in their home area when they get older, which can be a smoother transition if they have remained living close.

The Provider will have responsibility to provide high quality care for all children placed under this Contract, including their ongoing care, wellbeing and progress.

The Council will retain overall responsibility for the child. The Provider must work closely with the Council to ensure that the care provided is in line with Child's Care and Placement Plans, monitoring progress against their plans. The Provider will also work in line with any other relevant plans in place for the child.

Provider's staff must be qualified, trained and experienced, led by a highly skilled management team with robust oversight by senior managers, the Responsible Individual and Directors.

The residential children's home will be within the Westmorland and Furness Council area boundaries. The accommodation be high of quality including the building, outdoor space, furnishings, equipment and decoration, with a high standard of cleanliness so that children are proud of and enjoy their home

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 700

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 200

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

End date

30 September 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

1 x 24 month extension available

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **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

2 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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

Date

2 June 2025

Local time

1:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Her Majesty's Court

London

Country

United Kingdom