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Tender

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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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

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

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

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

This Service is being commissioned to ensure that the Council has direct access to residential children's homes placements within its local area. This will reduce the number of Cared for Children placed at a distance from their homes and local connections.

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

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