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## **Northamptonshire Children's Trust for the Provision of Homes for Children and Young People in our Care Independent Fostering Arrangements and Children's Homes**

Northamptonshire Children's Trust

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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

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

Northamptonshire Children's Trust

Northamptonshire Children's Trust - One Angel Square, Angel Street

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#### **Contact**

North Northamptonshire Procurement Team

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKF25 - North Northamptonshire

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nctrust.co.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendorganiser.co.uk/nnc>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendorganiser.co.uk/nnc>

**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**

## Northamptonshire Children's Trust for the Provision of Homes for Children and Young People in our Care Independent Fostering Arrangements and Children's Homes

Reference number

NNC00000402

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Northamptonshire Children's Trust (hereafter referred to as the "Children's Trust") wishes to invite Tender Responses for the supply of services in respect of this requirement.

This specification covers providing Homes for Children and Young People in Our Care, Independent Fostering Arrangements and Children's Homes.

The primary role of Independent Fostering Arrangements and Children's Homes is to provide homes to ensure children in our care have a place that is safe and suitable for their individual needs, where they are supported by people who care for them and about them to achieve their full potential, develop resilience, enjoy good health and wellbeing and develop into adulthood.

The Children's Trust is setting up a DPS to commence on 1st February 2024 with an initial term of 4 years and 2 months (i.e. to 31st March 2028), with an option to extend for up to an additional 3 years (until the 31st March 2031).

Services will be categorised by the following lots that are described further in the specification:

- Lot 1: Independent Fostering Agency placements for Children in Care
  - Category 1.1 - Standard
  - Category 1.2 - Enhanced
  - Category 1.3 - Complex Needs

- Category 1.4 - Emergency
- Category 1.5 - Transition to Family Care from Children's Homes
- Category 1.6 - Parent and Child
- Lot 2: Children's Homes placements for Children in Care
- Category 2.1 - Standard Homes
- Category 2.2 - Specialist Homes
- Category 2.3 - Complex Needs
- Category 2.4 - Emergency

Potential Providers can apply for one or more Lots and Categories.

The Light Touch Regime (LTR) applies to the Services under this DPS, as per Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £252,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1: Independent Fostering Agency placements for Children in Care

Lot No

Lot 1

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKF24 - West Northamptonshire
- UKF25 - North Northamptonshire

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Lot 1: Independent Fostering Agency placements for Children in Care

- Category 1.1 Standard
- Category 1.2 Enhanced
- Category 1.3 Complex Needs
- Category 1.4 Emergency
- Category 1.5 Transition to Family Care from Children's Homes
- Category 1.6 Parent and child

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £119,000,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Start date

1 February 2024

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Children's Trust is setting up a DPS to commence on 1st February 2024 with an initial term of 4 years and 2 months (i.e. to 31st March 2028), with an option to extend for up to an additional 3 years (until the 31st March 2031).

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2: Children's Homes

Lot No

Lot 2

**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKF24 - West Northamptonshire
- UKF25 - North Northamptonshire

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Lot 2: Children's Homes

- Category 2.1 - Standard Homes
- Category 2.2 - Specialist
- Category 2.3 - Complex Needs
- Category 2.4 - Emergency

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £133,000,000

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Start date

1 February 2024

**II.2.14) Additional information**

The Children's Trust is setting up a DPS to commence on 1st February 2024 with an initial term of 4 years and 2 months (i.e. to 31st March 2028), with an option to extend for up to an additional 3 years (until the 31st March 2031).

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

9 October 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English