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## **NEPO603 - Tyne-Tees Independent Foster Care Services (C-012130) OPENING 1**

Newcastle City Council

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-026607

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-036ab2

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

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

Newcastle City Council

Barras Bridge

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE18QH

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Becky Polito

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[becky.polito@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:becky.polito@newcastle.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1912115877

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC22 - Tyneside

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://newcastle.gov.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org)

**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**

NEPO603 - Tyne-Tees Independent Foster Care Services (C-012130) OPENING 1

Reference number

NEPO603 - P-00S7466 / C-012130

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Newcastle City Council ("the Lead Authority") is acting as the Lead Authority on behalf of the North-East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) and its Member Authorities, in respect of a bespoke Flexible Procurement solution under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended), within the Social and Other Specific Services Procurement Route. The bespoke flexible procurement solution will be known as the Flexible Procurement Agreement (Contract), for Independent Foster Care Services.

This Flexible Procurement Agreement will open regularly to accept applications from new Providers. This is the first Opening of the Flexible Procurement Agreement which can be found on Find a Tender Award Notice 2022/S 000-017849 and subsequent corrigendum 2022/S 000-018030.

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

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 6

## **II.2) Description**

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

Foster Care - Standard Support Placement

Lot No

1

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Primarily the North East of England, however the Participating Authorities recognise that services may need to be delivered outside of this area.

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

The Participating Local Authorities are seeking to appoint multiple Providers to deliver Services for the provision of Independent Foster Care Services on a non-exclusive basis. The Provider acknowledges that, in entering this Flexible Procurement Agreement (the Contract), no form of exclusivity or volume guarantee has been granted by the Participating Authorities for Services from the Provider and that the Participating Organisations are at all times entitled to enter into other contracts and agreements with other Providers for the provision of any of the Services.

The Lead Authority are carrying out the Opening of this bespoke Flexible Procurement Agreement (Contract) under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended), within the Social and Other Specific Services Procurement Route. This means that the Lead Authority will invite all interested parties to tender as a single stage

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Value excluding VAT: £1

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 x 12-month options to extend

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

3 x 12-month options to extend

## **II.2) Description**

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

Foster Care - Extra Support Placement

Lot No

2

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

Main site or place of performance

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £1

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 x 12-month options to extend

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

3 x 12-month options to extend

## **II.2) Description**

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

Foster Care - Enhanced Support Placement

Lot No

3

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Primarily the North East of England, however the Participating Authorities recognise that services may need to be delivered outside of this area.

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £1

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 x 12-month options to extend

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

3 x 12-month options to extend

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

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

Foster Care - Parent and Baby / Child Placement



Lot No

4

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

Main site or place of performance

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

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £1

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 x 12-month options to extend

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

3 x 12-month options to extend

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

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

Foster Care - Parent and Baby / Child Assessment Placement

Lot No

5

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

Main site or place of performance

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

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**II.2.5) Award criteria**

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**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 x 12-month options to extend

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

3 x 12-month options to extend

## **II.2) Description**

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

Staying Put Arrangement

Lot No

6

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Primarily the North East of England, however the Participating Authorities recognise that services may need to be delivered outside of this area.

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

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**II.2.6) Estimated value**

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 x 12-month options to extend

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

3 x 12-month options to extend

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

Date

20 October 2022

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

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

Date

21 October 2022

Local time

9:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Newcastle City Council ("the Lead Authority") is acting as the lead authority on behalf of the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) and its Member Authorities, in respect of the procurement of this Flexible Procurement Agreement (Contract).

The North East regional governance arrangements have determined that this is a non-mandatory collaborative exercise, and as a result, Local Authorities can 'opt-in' to the six different elements of the solution, with some Local Authorities choosing to continue to purchase some of these services through other local arrangements.

The Participating Local Authorities 'opting in' to the initial phase of this solution will be:

1. Darlington,
2. Durham,
3. Gateshead,
4. Hartlepool,
5. Middlesbrough ,
6. Newcastle (Lead Authority),
7. North Tyneside,
8. Northumberland,
9. Redcar & Cleveland,
10. South Tyneside,
11. Stockton, and
12. Sunderland.

Local Authorities who have 'opted out' for any Lot at this initial period of the solution may 'opt-in' to use the solution during its term.

The agreement will be available for use by all NEPO Members. A list of member organisations is available in the About section of the NEPO website at: [www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org).

This agreement will also be made available to all current and future NEPO Associate Members. Current Associate Members are listed in the Associate Member section of the NEPO website at: [www.nepo.org/associate-membership/list](http://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/list).

NEPO intends to make the resulting agreement available for use by all Contracting Authorities throughout all administrative regions of the UK (as defined by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015) including but not limited to Government Departments and their Agencies, Non-Departmental Public Bodies, Central Government, NHS Bodies, Local Authorities, Emergency Services, Coastguard Emergency Services, Educational Establishments, Registered Social Landlords and Registered Charities who have a need to purchase the above services.

Please see the following websites for further details:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/Localcouncils/index.htm>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

<https://www.gov.uk/check-a-university-is-officially-recognised/recognised-bodies>

<http://www.schoolswebdirectory.co.uk/localauthorities.php>

<http://www.ukschoolsdirectory.net>

<https://www.gov.uk/find-school-in-england>

<https://education.gov.scot/ParentZone>

<http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/>

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-academies-and-academy-projects-in-development>

<http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/institutions/>

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/workprovide/unicoll/heis/>



<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/workprovide/unicoll/fecs/>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AcuteTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/nhswalesaboutus/structure>

<http://www.scottishambulance.com/TheService/organised.aspx>

<http://www.hscni.net/index.php?link=trusts>

<http://www.scottishambulance.com/TheService/organised.aspx>

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/A-ZOfCentralGovernment/index.htm>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/gov.htm>

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/local-councils-in-northern-ireland>

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/02/2421/1>

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/contact>

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies>

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

<https://www.police.uk/forces/>

<http://www.police-information.co.uk/index.html>

<http://www.psni.police.uk/index.htm>

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency>

<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs>

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/archive/law-order/Police/PoliceServiceofScotland>

<http://www.fire.org.uk/fire-brigades.html>

<http://www.nifrs.org/areas-districts/>

<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area.aspx>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-registered-providers-of-social-housing>

<http://directory.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/pages/default.aspx>

<https://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/publications/registered-social-landlords-in-wales/?lang=en>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/housing-associations>

[http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/About\\_us/Regulation/Registering\\_charities\\_index.aspx](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/About_us/Regulation/Registering_charities_index.aspx)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/>

<https://idea.org.uk/>

<http://apps.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharitis/register>

homepage.aspx

[http://www.sell3wales.gov.uk?Search/search\\_Auth.aspx](http://www.sell3wales.gov.uk?Search/search_Auth.aspx)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/newsroom/factsandfigures/housingplanning1/>

facts/socialhousing/?id=1822644

A complete list of permissible users is shown on the NEPO website below:

<https://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/permissible-users>

Organisations wishing to access the NEPO agreement will be required to register as a NEPO Associate Member in the first instance.

Further information can be found at: [www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org)

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

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

Newcastle City Council and the North East Procurement Organisation Newcastle City

Council

Barras Bridge

Newcastle upon Tyne

Country

United Kingdom