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## **Approved Provider List for Social Care Agencies**

Oxfordshire County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice with call for competition

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://sebp.due-north.com/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://sebp.due-north.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://sebp.due-north.com/>

**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**

Approved Provider List for Social Care Agencies

Reference number

DN736708

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

Services

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

The Oxfordshire County Council (hereafter referred to as “the Council”) is commissioning and procuring an Approved Provider List (APL) for Care Quality Commission (CQC) registered Care and Support Agencies who can provide bespoke care and support packages to meet the assessed needs of children and young people aged between 0-24 years old; predominantly young people aged between 12 – 18 years old. There may also be occasions when we require bespoke care and support packages to meet the needs of siblings.

The creation of the Approved Provider List for Care and Support Agencies will ensure that the Council can purchase bespoke care and support packages from Providers confident in the knowledge that they have met all essential criteria contained within the Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents and have been successful with their application for inclusion on the APL.

The Approved Provider List will offer best value and more choice when we require bespoke care and support packages for young people who have become a ‘Child We Care For’ (CWCF) or a ‘Care Leaver’ (CL).

Children can become a Child We Care For either by:

- A voluntary arrangement between the parents and the local authority, known as being 'accommodated' under section 20 of the Children Act 1989.

- Coming into police protection
- Being subject to a court order, such as an Emergency Protection Order.
- Being subject to a Care Order.
- Being remanded in criminal proceedings.

Children We Care For can live in different types of settings, for example:

- Living with foster carers
- Living with friends or relatives (kinship care)
- Living in a children's residential home
- Living at home while on care orders made by the courts.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

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

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

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## **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

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

This procurement is for the establishment of an Approved Provider List for Services which are defined as Light touch under Regulations 74 of the Public Contract Regulations. As such the process used is not subject to the full regulations in relation to the use of the Open Procedure.

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

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

16 October 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of England and Wales, Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom