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## **Flexible Framework for Adoption Support - Therapeutic and Specialist Assessment Services**

North Tyneside Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UKC - North East (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Opportunities/Index?p=1c9e782c-541e-e611-8114-000c29c9ba21&v=1>

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**

Flexible Framework for Adoption Support - Therapeutic and Specialist Assessment Services

Reference number

DN623105

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Adopt North East (ANE) is a Regional Adoption Agency based in the North East of England. It was created in December 2018 in response to the legal requirement that local authorities regionalise their adoption services. It is a partnership between five Local Authorities: Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, Northumberland County Council, North Tyneside Council and South Tyneside Council. It is hosted by North Tyneside Council. In joining their adoption services together and forming a Regional Adoption Agency, the vision and ambition of the five partner Local Authorities is for Adopt North East to achieve 'excellent adoption services that transform children's and families lives for the better'.

Adopt North East (Hosted by North Tyneside Council) is seeking to establish a framework of providers to support the medium and high level element of our offer by provision of therapeutic services and specialist assessments.

The majority of support will be provided to families through direct funding made available to Adopt North East by the Adoption Support Fund (ASF) of the Department for Education. Accordingly, any changes to the ASF funding arrangements within the contract period may vary this contract.

A minority of support will be provided to families through bespoke funding agreed by Adopt North East and/or Local Authorities responsible for the child.

### **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 Specialist Assessment

Lot No

1

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

- 75122000 - Administrative healthcare services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC21 - Northumberland
- UKC22 - Tyneside

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

Provision of a Specialist Assessment of needs, for either the child, or family, with a focus on trauma and attachment. The Specialist Assessment will result in a Therapeutic Support Plan.

The Specialist Assessment must be eligible for funding from the ASF

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

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

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

End date

30 November 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend the framework by 3 x 12 months

#### **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

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

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

Lot 2 Therapeutic Services

Lot No

2

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

- 75122000 - Administrative healthcare services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC21 - Northumberland
- UKC22 - Tyneside

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

The service is the provision of a therapeutic intervention with either the child, and/or family

with a focus on trauma and attachment. The therapeutic intervention will be delivered over a series of sessions and will be geared towards helping to improve mental health and wellbeing outcomes for children.

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

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

End date

30 November 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

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Description of renewals

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#### **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**

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

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

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-025236](#)

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

Date

3 November 2023

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

3 November 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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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**

High Court of Justice Technology and Construction Court

Court 7 Rolls Building

London

EC4A 1NL

Country

United Kingdom