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Contract

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 award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0544c1

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Northamptonshire Children's Trust

1 Angel Square

Northampton

NN11ED

Contact

Piason Nyemba

Email

piason.nyemba@northnorthants.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.nctrust.co.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

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

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") is re-

opening their Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) 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 previously set up the DPS which commenced 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 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.

Please note: this contract originally started on 1st February 2024.

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

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £36,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1: Independent Fostering Agency placements for Children in Care

Lot No

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

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2: Children's Homes placements for Children in Care

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-030708](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bright Starts Childcare Group

1 Mount Grace Road

Luton

LU28EW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH21 - Luton

Companies House

2774740

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £19,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Priority Care Services Limited

297 Radford Boulevard

Nottingham

NG7 5QJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF14 - Nottingham

Companies House

13406313

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £19,000,000