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Planning

Request for Information for Independent Fostering Agencies (IFAs)

The North Yorkshire Council

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Scope

Reference

456-NYC-CY

Description

North Yorkshire Council (the Authority) is requesting information from providers to help determine the scope and feasibility of its requirement, to understand the range of potential solutions available in the market, and to assist with drafting a potential future tender specification for the provision of Independent Fostering Agencies (IFAs). The Authority is seeking to procure a framework, under Light Touch Regime, of high-quality Independent Fostering Agencies (IFAs) to support the delivery of safe, stable and nurturing foster placements for children and young people across the county with the aim of ensuring that the Authority has access to a diverse and responsive pool of foster carers through external providers, complementing the Authority's in-house provision.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £4,680,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 1 April 2031
- Possible extension to 1 April 2036
- 10 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

Contract locations

- UKE22 - North Yorkshire CC
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 August 2025

Engagement process description

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=95620&B=

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

5 January 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government