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

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## Participation

### Particular suitability

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

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## Submission

## **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

5 January 2026

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## **Procedure**

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Contracting authority**

### **The North Yorkshire Council**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government