

**United Kingdom-Newcastle upon Tyne: Health and social work services**  
**OJ S 132/2019 11/07/2019**  
**Contract notice**  
**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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Town: South Shields

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Town: Sunderland

NUTS code: UKC23 Sunderland

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Country: United Kingdom

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**I.2. Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: [www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.org)  
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address  
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5. Main activity**

General public services

**Section II: Object**

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**II.1. Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1. Title**

006050 — NEPO Provision of Independent Fostering Services (NE7)

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

85000000 Health and social work services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

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

Newcastle City Council ('the Lead Authority') is acting as the lead authority on behalf of the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) and its Member Authorities, in respect of the procurement of a bespoke flexible procurement solution (FPS) known as a flexible procurement agreement (the contract) for provision of independent fostering services for looked after children.

#### **II.1.5. Estimated total value**

#### **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**

All Placement/Arrangement Types  
Lot No: 1

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

85000000 Health and social work services

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

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

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

Placements in independent foster care services. The child/young person may or may not be subject of a care order (Section 31 of the children 1989) and in which case the local authority will have parental responsibility or the local authority is satisfied that the child/young person is in need of accommodation under (Section 20 of the Children Act 1989), in which case the local authority will not have parental responsibility for the child/young person. An unlimited number of independent fostering agencies will be appointed to the solution from across the UK but it is anticipated that most placements will be made in the North of England.

The opportunity can be accessed via the NEPO eTender system. Suppliers wishing to be considered for this flexible procurement agreement must register their expression of interest and submit a tender through the NEPO eTender system. If not already registered, tenderers should register on the NEPO eTender system at <https://procontract.due-north.com/register?openform>. Tenders must be submitted using the link above. Tenders submitted via postal or email methods will not be accepted. If you require time-critical assistance on submitting your tender please contact the system support team on 0330 0050352. For non-time critical issues, such as passwords, general account queries and location of information, etc. please contact proactis supplier support helpdesk ticketing system (<http://proactis.kayako.com>) and select ProContractV3 support. You will then need to log in or submit a ticket to register your issue. Alternatively, you can [emailProContractSuppliers@proactis.com](mailto:emailProContractSuppliers@proactis.com) this will automatically log a support ticket on the proactis supplier support helpdesk. Successful suppliers will enter into a flexible procurement agreement in a form which is set out in the procurement documents. The lead authority does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of the goods/works /services (if any) which will be placed with the successful suppliers by any participating authorities using the flexible procurement agreement pursuant to this process and accepts no liability thereof.

#### **II.2.5.**

### **Award criteria**

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

#### **II.2.6. Estimated value**

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

Duration in months: 30

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

18 month initial contract period with 1 x 12 month option to extend.

#### **II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

#### **II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

1 x 12 month option to extend available following initial contract term.

#### **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.2.14. Additional information**

### **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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#### **III.1. Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

All applicants are required to complete and return a detailed selection questionnaire prepared by Newcastle City Council as the lead Contracting Authority and provide such supporting evidence as may be requested by the deadline stated.

##### **III.1.2. Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3. Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **Section IV: Procedure**

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#### **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 Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 25

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

Date: 12/08/2019 Local time: 17:00

##### **IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

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

English

##### **IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

##### **IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 13/08/2019 Local time: 09:00

Place:

Newcastle Civic Centre.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Craig Winter (Legal Representative, Newcastle City Council)

### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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#### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

#### **VI.3. Additional information**

The following 7 local authorities in the North of the North East region will be the predominant users of this solution:

Newcastle City Council (Lead Authority)

Durham County Council

Gateshead Council

North Tyneside Council

Northumberland County Council

South Tyneside Council

Together for Children (Sunderland)

The following local authorities in the South of the region will have the opportunity to utilise the flexible procurement agreement in addition to the Tees Valley Solution for independent foster care:

Darlington Borough Council

Hartlepool Borough Council

Middlesbrough Borough Council

Redcar and Cleveland Council

Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council

The participating organisations named in the contract particulars and where the context so admits includes any person which takes over or assumes the statutory functions or administrative responsibilities of the participating organisations (whether in part or totally) or

which is controlled by or is under common control with the participating organisations (and the expression 'control' shall mean the power to direct or cause the direction of the general management and policies of the person in question but only for so long as such control exists).

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

Town: Newcastle upon Tyne

Country: United Kingdom

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

09/07/2019