

**BEDFORDSHIRE AUTHORITIES DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM (DPS)  
FOR  
THE PROVISION OF FOSTERING PLACEMENTS AND SPECIALIST PLACEMENTS  
AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO RESIDENTIAL CARE**

**Open Call for New Applicants**

Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council and Luton Borough Council wish to receive applications to join our collaborative Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for the provision of Independent Fostering Agency (IFA) placements and Specialist Placements as an Alternative to Residential Care (SPARC).

The DPS is split into the two (2) lots as described below;

**Lot 1: General Fostering Placements** (this will comprise both standard and enhanced placements);  
and

**Lot 2: Specialist Placements as an Alternative to Residential Care (SPARC)**

We are happy to receive tenders for either lot of the DPS or for both. Please make sure that you have read and understood the requirements set out in the Invitation to Tender documents (including but not limited to the Specification of Services) and respond to the appropriate part(s) of the Tender Questionnaire in line with the instructions contained therein.

Both lots include expectations in line with the National Fostering Contract for Independent Fostering Agency Placements 2011.

Applications can be submitted **via Bedford Borough Council's e-tendering portal (In-Tend)**

Registration is free and takes just a few minutes. When complete, you will be able to access the ITT documents for the above opportunity (Tender Reference: BBC552066).

Visit <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/bedford> to access the portal. **Please note that this tendering process will take place via Bedford Borough Council's tendering portal only and is not available through Central Bedfordshire Council's tendering portal.**

Click on Register to the left of the screen. As part of the registration form you will be asked to complete your Company Details, Company Contact Details and Primary User Details. Whilst registering you may only add one additional point of contact, however after the registration is complete you may login to your account and add as many additional contacts as you like. In the Business Classifications tab you are able to add a category.

Click the blue + symbol to add a category relevant to your company. You can add multiple categories.

Once you are happy with the details click on Register My Company. You can add further information once logged in.

If you encounter any difficulties whilst using the portal you can contact our Support team by phoning **0844 272 8810** or emailing [support@in-tend.co.uk](mailto:support@in-tend.co.uk)

The Procurement Lead for this opportunity is Elli Nikolaou (Category Manager, Bedford Borough Council) – email: [elli.nikolaou@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:elli.nikolaou@bedford.gov.uk)

We look forward to engaging with you soon!

**Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council and Luton Borough Council**