



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**Central Bedfordshire Council invite applicants from suitably qualified and experienced organisations to provide the following services:**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Supported Accommodation for Care Leavers and Asylum Seekers (Between 16 and 17 years old)</b>	<b>Our Ref</b>	<b>CBC-0611-DPS-LS</b>
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<p><b>Details</b></p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council seeks to provide supported housing to assist in meeting its statutory obligation to young people who are leaving care and to ensure they are protected and enabled to lead independent and fulfilling lives through the provision of high quality services.</p> <p>Successful providers who meet the criteria for a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) will work in partnership with each other and with relevant teams within the Council to provide a joined-up continuum of accommodation with support appropriate to the needs of the following young people referred into the service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looked After Children aged 16-17</li> <li>• Relevant Children (care leavers) aged 16-17</li> <li>• Homeless young people aged 16-17 eligible for accommodation provided by Children’s Services under the Southwark Judgment 2009</li> <li>• Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children aged 16-17</li> </ul>			
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Prospective contractors must be able to demonstrate at least six months of working in a similar field

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have previous and relevant experience of similar work with Looked After Children and Young People with multiple needs and are able and prepared to provide references.

Where relevant, the Council will also consider providers’ relevant experience or qualifications of working with Looked After Children and Young People with multiple needs.

Applications are welcome from single organisations or consortia from the public, private and voluntary/community sector

To express an interest, please log in or register on our electronic tendering system <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/centralbedfordshire> in order to view the necessary tendering documents and respond accordingly.

Please note that once you have registered on In-tend a separate action (expressing an Interest) is required to access the documents, you must click on the actual Tender you wish to access. We accept no liability if you have not expressed an interest in the tender.

**Deadline for receipt of electronic applications onto DPS  
(Dynamic Purchasing System) is:**

**12:00 (Midday) on 7<sup>th</sup>  
April 2021**