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Dear Providers

**Expression of Interest – Northamptonshire Children’s Trust Parent Advocacy Services**

[Northamptonshire Children's Trust](https://www.nctrust.co.uk/Pages/default.aspx) (NCT) is an independent, not-for-profit company established in November 2020 to deliver the best possible opportunities for the children in Northamptonshire. Our responsibility is to deliver children’s social care and targeted early help services on behalf of North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Council.

As part of our role, we are required to provide advocates to our parents, where they are not eligible to access this through Adult Social Care.

The purpose of Parents Advocacy is to assist parents, who have a significant difficulty being involved in the process to fully engage in assessments and to understand the complex statutory processes within Children’s Social Care, where there is no one appropriate or available to facilitate and represent their views. The provision aims to build the individuals knowledge and understanding of social work processes, confidence and self-esteem.

NCT welcome Expressions of Interest from providers with experience in this field to provide Parent Advocacy for parents who reside in Northamptonshire and in other parts of the United Kingdom that are the responsibility of NCT.

Due to our current arrangements being sourced through different means, it is difficult to provide an estimate of the volumes required. However, it is thought that is required between 5 to 10 times per month.

As part of this Expression of Interest process, NCT are considering whether to set up a Framework of a number of suppliers who can provide this service or seek one provider who is able to source advocates. Any contract would look to be set up as soon as possible after this Expression of Interest process; 1st June 2023 is aimed for.

If this is of interest to your organisation, please complete the following questions.

Please note this is for information only at this stage.

**1. Parent Advocacy Services in Northamptonshire**

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| Would your organisation be interested in providing this service? | Yes / No |
| If yes, do you have the capacity to provide this as a sole supplier?  | Yes / No |

**2. Parent Advocacy Services for parents who reside outside of Northamptonshire (but are the responsibly of NCT)**

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| Would your organisation be interested in providing this service?  | Yes / No |
| If yes, do you have the capacity to provide this as a sole supplier?  | Yes / No |

Please note that NCT reserves the right to only invite those that have submitted an Expression of Interest to any further stage(s). NCT reserves the right not to progress with the Expression of Interest – Parent Advocacy Services. This will be dependent on the interest received to the “Expression of Interest”.

If your organisation would like to express your interest, please submit your interest by completing this document and returning it to procurement@northnorthants.gov.uk  **by Wednesday 15th March 2023 by 17.00hrs.**

**If you do not submit your interest at this point your organisation will not be invited to compete in any future procurement processes to this Expression of Interest.**

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| **Question** | **Response** |
| Name of your organisation |  |
| Registered office (if applicable) |  |
| Trading address (if different from office) |  |
| Name of person whom any queries relating to this Expression of Interest should be addressed |  |
| Telephone Number(s) |  |
| Email |  |
| Address if different to above |  |

**Signed\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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