



**Title: Tyne-Tees Independent Foster Care Services (NEPO603) Re-opening July 2026**

**Contract Reference:** OPEN20251949

**Description:** Independent foster care services for the 12 x NEPO Member Authorities. Initial Contract period was 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2025 with 3 x 12 month optional contract extension periods.

**Department:** Children & Families

**Deadline for Submission of Bids:** An indicative timetable for the evaluation of submissions during the contract is included in the tender pack within Section 10 of document 'ITT Part 2 – Summary instructions and details of Contract'. This will be updated as deemed necessary.

**Contract Start Date for New Submissions:** January 2027

**Contract End Date:** 30 June 2027

**Details of Extension Periods (where applicable):** 1 x 12 months remaining, to 30 June 2028.

**Further Details:** Available via the Open Portal [Home - Open](#) registration is free and once you have expressed an interest in the opportunity you have immediate access to the documentation. Should you require any technical assistance in relation to Open, please contact [open.support@nepo.org](mailto:open.support@nepo.org) Monday to Thursday 08:30 to 17:00 and Friday 08:30 to 16:30.

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