**006050 – Provision of Independent Fostering Services - Provider Event 5**

A Provider Event is to be held on 4 March 2019 for Providers of Independent Fostering Services to discuss the Proposed Commissioning Model which has been published to the market for the first of three formal four-week consultation periods.

Over the past 12 months, significant engagement and consultation has taken place between Providers and the 12 North East Local Authorities to develop a new service and Financial Model that would be viable for both the Provider Market and the Participating Authorities.

The current four-week consultation relates to pricing and Specification only. This a draft Proposal and elements of the model, including pricing, may be amended based on Provider and Local Authority feedback at the end of the four-week period. Any amendments will be published during the second consultation phase.

The Provider Event will be held on Monday 4 March 2019 1:30pm to 4:30pm at The Durham Centre, Belmont Industrial Estate, Durham, DH1 1TN

Please confirm your attendance by email to:

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Please ensure you provide Linzi with **all** of the following information:

1. Name of attendees
2. Role of attendees
3. Email and phone number for attendees
4. Organisation attendees will be representing
5. Setting attendees will be representing