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Tender

SC22032: Community Services to meet requirement of Advocacy, DoLs and LPS (Lot 1: Independent Advocacy Services, Lot 2: Mental Health Assessment Services)

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SC22032: Community Services to meet requirement of Advocacy, DoLs and LPS (Lot 1: Independent Advocacy Services, Lot 2: Mental Health Assessment Services)

Reference number

DN556189

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council are looking to commission two services in relation to the provision of Advocacy Services. The Services are divided into two Lots, with further details of each Lot contained in Section II.2 of this Notice.

Lot 1 – Independent Advocacy Services

Lot 2 – Mental Health Assessment Services

The Council is running this procurement under the Light Touch Regime (LTR), a specific set of rules for health and social care contracts set out in the Public Contract Regulations (2015), adapting the Open procedure as proportionate to the requirement. Further information can be found within the Invitation to Tender Documents.

Anticipated Procurement Timetable:

Post Invitation to Tender - 06/01/2023

Tender clarification timescale - 06/01/2023 - 27/01/2023

Tender Deadline - 06/02/2023

Tender Evaluation - 07/02/2023 - 21/02/2023

Contract award notification - 31/03/2023

Standstill period - 01/04/2023 - 10/04/2023

Contract mobilisation - 11/04/2023

Service commencement - No later than 01/08/2023

All expressions of interest must be registered via the advert on the Kent Business portal. Tender documents must be submitted via the Kent Business Portal by 12 noon on the 6 February 2023.

Questions and Communication:

Please direct all questions and communication through the Kent Business Portal via the Messages facility.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Independent Advocacy Services

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of statutory and non-statutory Advocacy services including:

- Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA) and Relevant Persons Representative (RPR)
- Care Act Advocacy
- Independent Mental Health Advocate (IMHA) Health Complaints/Health and Social Care Advocacy; and
- Community and Peer Advocacy for people who are neurodivergent by way of being autistic, and/or having learning disabilities

The service will commence no later than 1st August 2023 and will run for a period of 3 years with the option for two extensions of up to one year each at the discretion of the Council, unless terminated in accordance with the published Conditions of Contract.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Mental Health Assessment Services

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of Medical Capacity Assessments to support DoLS and in readiness for the Liberty Protection Safeguard requirements.

The purpose of this service is to ensure that those subject to DoLS have received statutory Mental Health and Eligibility assessments in a timely manner so as not to delay any outcome issued by the Supervisory Body. The successful provider will be required to manage the administration and undertake timely and accurate Mental Health and Eligibility assessments and to document these assessments as required by legislation to the Kent MCA DoLS Service on request.

The service will commence no later than 1st August 2023 and will run for a period of 1 year with the option for an extension of up to one year each at the discretion of the Council,

unless terminated in accordance with the published Conditions of Contract.

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

Lot 2, Mental Health Assessments:

The Mental Capacity (Deprivation of Liberty: Standard Authorisations, Assessments and Ordinary Residence) Regulations 2008 require that the Assessor undertaking the mental health assessment must be:

- 1) Approved under section 12 of the Mental Health Act 1983; or
- 2) A registered medical practitioner who the supervisory body is satisfied has at least three years post registration experience in the diagnosis or treatment of mental disorder.

The Mental Capacity (Deprivation of Liberty: Standard Authorisations, Assessments and Ordinary Residence) Regulations 2008 also require that the Assessor undertaking the eligibility requirement assessment must be:

- 1) Approved under section 12 of the Mental Health Act 1983 and is eligible to carry out a mental health assessment; or
- 2) An approved mental health professional and is eligible to carry out a best interests assessment.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

6 February 2023

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

6 February 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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