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## Community Navigation Services (Part B)

Kent County Council

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### Section I: Contracting authority/entity

#### I.1) Name and addresses

Kent County Council

County Hall

Maidstone

ME141XQ

#### Contact

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#### Country

United Kingdom

#### Region code

UKJ45 - Mid Kent

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Community Navigation Services (Part B)

Reference number

SC18024

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Carers Community Navigation

Adult Carers are entitled to an assessment regardless of the amount or type of care that they provide, their financial means and/or their own level of support needs, and whether or not the adult that they care for has had a Care Assessment. The Carers Community Navigation service provides both the statutory Carer Assessment function and more general support for carers, including support to:

- access information, advice and guidance; and integrated, personalised services.
- have a life of their own, maintaining social contacts and personal relationships.
- optimise their physical and emotional wellbeing, enjoying separate social and community activities.
- participate in work, leisure activities or education.
- promote and support their financial wellbeing.
- provide support to maintain good health as appropriate.
- have a voice about services for their Cared-for-person and for themselves.

## **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £1,253,401

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot No

East Kent

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

A short term contract extension will be awarded to the incumbent suppliers of the Carers Short Breaks contract, and Community Navigation (Part B) contract for a period of 4 months. The short term extensions enable KCC to complete the re-procurement of a joint service.

By awarding the short term extension, it mitigates any loss in the provision of service while the re-procurement is underway. In addition, it will also enable ample mobilisation time for the winning bidder.

A contract extension of the Community Navigation (Part B) contract for a period of 4 months from 01 April 2026 to 31 July 2026 is in accordance with the relevant justifications set out in Regulation 72(1)(b)(c) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

The council has a statutory duty to ensure that there is sufficient and fit for purpose provision of social care services to Kent residents, who are eligible under the Care Act 2014 and that a sustainable market is maintained which the Community Navigation (Part B) contract contributes to.

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot No

West Kent

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot No

Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot No

Swale

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

Explanation:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## Section V. Award of contract/concession

### Title

East Kent

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract/concession

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 January 2026

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Carers Support East Kent

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Companies House

07213672

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £642,966

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £642,966

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### **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

#### **Lot No**

West Kent

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

**V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

9 January 2026

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Involve Kent

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Companies House

03449624

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £375,729

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £375,729

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**Section V. Award of contract/concession**

**Lot No**

Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

9 January 2026

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Imago Community

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Companies House

05354482

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £171,953

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £171,953

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Lot No**

Swale

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

9 January 2026

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Imago Community

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Companies House

05354482

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £62,753

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £62,753

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom