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## **Carers Assessment and Support - Carers Short Breaks**

Kent County Council

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Kent County Council

County Hall

Maidstone

ME141XQ

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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**

Carers Assessment and Support - Carers Short Breaks

Reference number

SS17036

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Carers' Short Break service provides replacement care for Carers for a short period (typically three hours a week) to allow them a break from their caring role. There are also

a number of specific support elements within this contract; to provide replacement care when a carer is in Crisis or needs to attend a health appointment.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,029,080

### **II.2) Description**

#### **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 Carers Short Break 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 Carers Short Break contributes to.

#### **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:

Due to an unsuccessful procurement for Lot 1 (East Kent) of the Kent Carers Support Service. Kent County Council intends to modify this contract by way of extension for a period of 4 months to allow for the recommissioning of the Kent Carers Support Service to continue.

A contract extension of the Carers' Short Break contract for a period of up to four months from 1 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.

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

SS17036

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**

Crossroads Care Kent

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Companies House

03694575

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,029,080

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom