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Tender

SC21032 Therapies - SEN and Adoption Support Service

Kent County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

County Council

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SC21032 Therapies - SEN and Adoption Support Service

Reference number

DN571881

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council currently commissions a range of Therapies for Children and Young People across SEN and Adoption Partnership South East. There is an interdependency between both services, therefore the commissioning and procurement processes are to be aligned. The underpinning themes for both services are to deliver; seamless, joined up pathways for users of services and ease of access. An improved flexibility of approach and the ability to innovate, develop and evolve services during the contract term and efficient performance monitoring to inform future service development.

The contract will be awarded to multiple providers following an Evaluation of the Mandatory Selection Questionnaire – there will be a continuously published Prior Information Notice, available via the Kent Business Portal. Interested suppliers are hereby invited to express their interest in this tender opportunity and submit their completed Mandatory Selection Questions by the date specified.

SEN Service are looking to commission:

- Speech and Language (SLT)
- Occupational Therapy (OT) including varying OT approaches to addressing sensory processing differences.
- Physiotherapy (PT)

Adoption Partnership South East are looking to commission:

- Therapeutic parenting training
- Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy
- Theraplay
- Filial therapy
- Creative therapies e.g., art, music, drama, play
- Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing Therapy (EMDR)
- Non-Violent Resistance (NVR)
- Sensory integration therapy/Sensory attachment therapy
- Multi Systemic Therapy
- Mentalisation Based Therapy
- Psychotherapy
- Extensive life story work with a therapeutic intervention (where therapy is used to help the young person understand and cope with the trauma and difficulties that their life story work might revisit)
- Short Breaks are in scope where they include a substantial element of eligible therapeutic therapies
- Specialist Assessment that meets all of the criteria below:

An in-depth assessment of the child and family's needs with a focus on trauma and attachment, and how this demonstrates the links to the assessment of support needs.

Led and undertaken by a qualified clinician(s).

For the purposes of the ASF, a qualified clinician would be someone who diagnoses and treats patients; is suitably qualified and is licensed to practice via a regulator such as the Health and Care Professional Council e.g., a trained Clinical Psychologist or Attachment Psychotherapist.

Result in a therapeutic support plan for the child(ren) / family

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

SEN Therapies

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot relates to SEN Therapies that are looking to commission:

- Speech and Language (SLT)
- Occupational Therapy (OT) including varying OT approaches to addressing sensory processing differences.
- Physiotherapy (PT)

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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.2.14) Additional information

Selection and Award criteria will be available in the Tender documentation

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Adoption Support Service

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Therapists must be appropriately qualified and have current registration with a professional body. They must hold the appropriate qualifications for the therapy they are offering. For example:

A play therapist must be registered with the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) or Register of Play and Creative Arts Therapists (PTUK)

If a Psychotherapist wished to offer EMDR Therapy, they must demonstrate they have attended appropriate training and receiving supervision

Local authorities, independent providers (OFSTED registered or the local authority making the application assumes responsibility for quality assurance as an OFSTED registered organisation) and NHS providers e.g., Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS – offering services within the scope of the ASF) can all provide services through the ASF

All therapists working therapeutically with families should have in place clinical supervision which meet the requirements of their professional body

- Need to be familiar with the safeguarding requirements of the RAA
- Be aware of GDPR and Data Protection requirements

As part of due diligence responsibilities, the adoption service and SEN may request to see when commissioning an intervention evidence of:

- Staff qualifications including year obtained and any further details pertaining to training undertaken.
- Professional Body Registration confirmation and expiry date.

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

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

SEN Therapies provisions are funded to support Education Health Care Plans (EHC Plans), the monitoring and review process of contracts will fundamentally tie into Annual Reviews of EHC plans. This will involve a range of collaborative practice with suitable representatives of the SEN Service and KCC to enable focus on the progress towards identified individual outcomes and intervention impact monitoring within the context of a total special educational provision packages contained within EHC Plans.

Adoption Support Services, after a block of therapeutic work has been delivered the clinician will be required to provide a report. This should include:

The therapeutic goals for the work.

Evidence of how and if the goals were achieved (through outcome measures).

A clear summary about the presenting difficulties and how these difficulties are understood in the context of the child's life, family and wider system (psychological formulation). The level of detail required for this will vary dependent on type of intervention and level of clinical expertise. For example, a detailed report would be expected following an intervention offered with a Systemic and Family Psychotherapist, Clinical Psychologist or Psychotherapist.

If future work is required a clear summary of the goals for the subsequent piece of work is required.

If future work is required there should be a clear rationale for why this is required and how these fit with the psychological formulation.

Annually a review on utilisation and adherence to the standards and requirements identified above will be carried out as part of contract monitoring and compliance. This information will be used to gauge overall performance of the QPL, individual provider performance and will also inform the KCC on any potential gaps in therapies required.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

1 March 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This PIN will be live and expression will but will close for a period of time for evaluation of tenders and will then reopen.

optional extensions

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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