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## **Young Carers Service**

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-031453

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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#### **NUTS code**

UKJ4 - Kent

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<http://kentbusinessportal.org.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://kentbusinessportal.org.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**

Young Carers Service

Reference number

DN587739

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

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The aim of the Young Carers Service will be to:

1. Increase the identification and assessment of young carers in Kent.
2. Provide young carers some respite from their caring responsibilities.
3. Help reduce the risk of their situation escalating.
4. Improve the quality of young carers' lives.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £976,500

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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In raising awareness, the Young Carers Service will include training for the wider workforce (schools, agencies and professionals that may be in contact with young carers) in how to identify and assess young carers.

Direct and ongoing support for young carers and their families will include developing, monitoring, and reviewing action plans for young carers, and advocating on behalf of young carers and/or their families, when appropriate.

The Young Carers Service will deliver a service tailored to the needs of young carers, offering a range of activities and support, including virtual support, to be delivered in a timely fashion. This will include 1:1 support and mentoring as well as support in groups. The Young Carers Service will ensure young carers have access to information, support, and respite activities as well as opportunities to make friends, go on trips, meet other young carers, and engage with other activities within the school or community.

The financial envelope for the Young Carers Service is £325,500 per annum.

The contract will run for three years from 1/05/2022, with the option to extend for a further two years on a one-plus-one basis.

Kent County Council is committed to ensuring fairness, openness, and transparency and to following EU procurement regulations.

#### **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

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Possibility to extend the contract on a plus -12 months, plus - 12 months basis

#### **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

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

#### **IV.1.5) Information about negotiation**

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

#### **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 tenders or requests to participate**

Date

1 March 2022

Local time

2:00pm

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

English

## **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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United Kingdom