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Contract

Black/Brown Mothers Peer Support Group Contract Reference: SN240144

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-004489

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049bc1

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Black/Brown Mothers Peer Support Group Contract Reference: SN240144

Reference number

DN742286

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a notice of the award of the contract as required under the Healthcare Services (Provider Selection Regime) regulations 2023 11(17)(a).

KCC are looking to procure a provider to deliver a pilot programme of peer support groups for up to 10 Black women in each of Dartford and Gravesham, Kent. In addition, the group would aim to provide information on the services (in particular supporting maternal mental health, infant health and infant feeding) on offer for mothers in Dartford and Gravesham.

The pilot programme is expected to commence on 31 October 2024 and complete 31 March 2025. The budget for this programme is based on funding from the KCC's Family Hubs programme grant.

It is expected that the programme will meet the following outcomes for Black/Brown mothers:

- Feeling safer when interacting with the health system more widely
- Reported improvements in black/brown mothers mental health
- Improvements in their infants mental health
- Report being more aware of the services that are available to them, particularly with regards to their mental health.

- Felt more confident to access support and knew when and how to access support and know who to ask if they are not sure.
- Felt they had made strong relationships with other mothers

The programme will need to:

- Be a culturally relevant peer support programme co-designed with Black mothers to address maternal (mental health) needs
- Be delivered weekly, for 1.5 to 2 hours per week until March 2025 for up to 10 mothers at each of a community venue in Dartford and Gravesham.
- Empower women from these communities to advocate for their maternal health rights through education
- Include a diversity of staff representing the target population
- Collaborate with healthcare providers, professionals, community leaders and organisations to support maternal (mental) health in Black communities.
- Liaise directly with family hub district managers in Dartford and Gravesham and the Maternity Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Midwife at Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust
- Collect outcome data (GAD7, PHQ9 or WEMWEB) to measure change in mental health and wellbeing in black mothers who access the group
- Collect demographic data in order to understand equality needs (postcode/ethnicity/gender/age etc)
- Be evaluated with feedback from participants into a report with recommendations for continuation and development of the programme.
- Develop the programme with sustainability in mind i.e. how it might continue beyond the project end.

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: £36,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-029787](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SN240144

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 November 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Greater London

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £36,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

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United Kingdom