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Award

SS17036 Carers Assessment and Support - Carers Short Breaks

Kent County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

County Council

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SS17036 Carers Assessment and Support - Carers Short Breaks

Reference number

DN327177

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal 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: £3,087,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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.

A short term contract will be awarded to the incumbent supplier for a period of 12 months. The short term contract to enables KCC to complete the re-procurement of a joint service which will be out for tender in 2025. By awarding the short term contract, 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 Direct Award of the Carers Short Break contract for a period of 12 months from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 is in accordance with the relevant justifications set out in Regulation 32(2)(c) of the Public Contract Regulations (2015)

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

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

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

7 February 2025

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

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £3,087,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom