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Contract

CN220350 - Therapies: SEN, Adoption Support Service and VSK (previously SC21032)

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-060d1f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Kent County Council

County Hall

Maidstone

ME141XQ

Contact

Edward Dews

Email

edward.dews@kent.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ4 - Kent

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Local Authority

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CN220350 - Therapies: SEN, Adoption Support Service and VSK (previously SC21032)

Reference number

CN220350 (previously SC21032)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

SEN Therapies (Lot 1)

The Council recognises that SEN therapy service providers have an important role in improving a child or young person's (CYP's) participation in learning experiences and access to curriculum opportunities and outcomes for our children who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan. The Council aims to establish a relational contracting approach with providers on the Qualified Provider List (QPL) that will:

- recognise the interdependencies between local authorities, service providers, Ofsted and other stakeholders;
- facilitate co operation, shared learning and improvement;
- enable the Council to anticipate and respond quickly to the changing needs of CYP with an EHC plan;
- support joint working between the Council's education services and therapy service providers to help improve outcomes for CYP with an EHC plan;
- help ensure sufficiency and suitability of therapy provision tailored to the current and anticipated needs of CYP with an EHC plan; and
- ensure fairness in commercial arrangements between commissioners and providers,

with transparency of prices.

Adoption Support Service (Lot 2)

The Adoption Support Fund (ASF) has been established to help adoptive families access the services they need more easily. The ASF provides funds to local authorities (LAs) and Regional Adoption Agencies (RAAs) to pay for essential therapeutic services for eligible adoptive families and families with a Special Guardianship Order (SGO). The aim of the ASF and the support it funds is to:

- improve outcomes for young people and families;
- improve the core adoption/SGO support offered to families; and
- build the evidence base so that interventions demonstrate their effectiveness and value for money.

Virtual Schools Kent (Lot 3)

Virtual School Head Teachers (VSHs) are responsible for promoting the educational achievement of children looked after by the local authority. For some young people, a therapeutic approach or intervention may be required to support access to, or engagement with, education.

Kent Children in Care (CiC), aged 3 to 18, are supported by Virtual School Kent (VSK). Pupil Premium Plus (PP+), Post 16 Pupil Premium Plus (P16PP+), or Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) funding can be used to pay for activities that:

- a) improve the learning targets in children's Personal Education Plans (PEPs); and
- b) encourage CiC to be more involved in and interested in their education.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £1,000,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

SEN Therapies Lot 1

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Successful bidders shall be invited to sign the Framework Agreement and join the QPL for the appropriate lots they have bid for ("Framework Agreement"). Entry into this contract does not guarantee that the Council will purchase Therapy Services from any bidder, but it will ensure that the successful bidder is included on the Council's QPL.

As and when the Council requires specific Therapy Services, the Council shall:

1. review the QPL and select providers that have the professional qualifications to deliver the required services;
2. start a mini competition by submitting a call off request to those selected providers in accordance with the Framework Agreement (Order Form or request for service from the relevant service - SEN Therapies (Lot 1) or Adoption Support Service (Lot 2));
3. request a final price for the relevant Therapy Services; and
4. decide whether to proceed with the required Therapy Services at the price stated, based on the award criteria set out in the Framework Agreement.

Where, in the reasonable professional opinion of the Council, there is only one provider with the relevant expertise to provide the required Therapy Services to a particular CYP, the Council may approach a single provider on the QPL.

No call off and/or contract for any requested Therapy Services shall be deemed to have taken place or been formed until the Council formally accepts the price quoted by the chosen provider in accordance with the Framework Agreement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Name / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Adoption Support Service Lot 2

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Name / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Virtual School Kent Lot 3

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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- a) improve the learning targets set out in children's Personal Education Plans (PEPs); and
- b) encourage CiC to be more involved in and motivated by their education.

Therapeutic support provided under this lot should not be regarded as an alternative health provision or a replacement for therapy services that may be commissioned through the NHS. Services provided to support PEP targets often involve intensive specialist interventions or approaches required to maintain educational placements and promote progress.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Name / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

This notice does not concern a new procurement procedure. It publishes the admission of additional providers to an existing Qualified Provider List established under the Light Touch Regime in accordance with Regulations 74-77 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The original QPL was openly advertised and awarded under contract reference SC21032, with Contract Award Notices published on 11 August 2023 and 3 September 2024. The QPL allows for continuous admission of providers during its term. As such, no new call for competition is required and this transparency notice is lawful.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 January 2026

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 12

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Oak Therapies CIC

Ashford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

12843751

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Restoring Hope Therapies Limited

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

13763682

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Alison Cloud

Folkestone

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Sole trader

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Rainbow Family Therapy Services Limited

Brighton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

08479307

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Crisp and Crane Training Limited

Spalding

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

08312994

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Elaine Dunne T/A Hopeville Therapeutic Services

St. Peters

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Sole trader

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Horse 4 Thought Limited

Sidcup

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

12986639

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Dr Katie Snow Clinical Psychology

Canterbury

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Sole trader

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT)

Ashford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

NHS Organisation Data Service

RYY

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

PartnershipProjects UK Limited

Pershore

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

05741447

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Sarah Jane Hudson

Tonbridge

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Sole trader

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Shortland Psychology Associates Limited

Gerrards Cross

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

07991058

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £1,000,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Sessions House

Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

Country

United Kingdom