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Tender

Kent Children's & Young People's Core Therapeutic Alliance

NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e91a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<https://www.kentandmedway.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.kentandmedway.icb.nhs.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Kent Children's & Young People's Core Therapeutic Alliance

Reference number

C335201

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Kent & Medway Integrated Care Board are undertaking a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Competitive Process and are inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to bid for a Children's & Young People's Core Therapeutic Alliance service in Kent. The contract duration will be for an initial period of 10 years with an option to extend for up to a further 3 years as required.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £55,303,703

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS Kent & Medway Integrated Care Board are undertaking Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Competitive Process and are inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to bid for a Children's & Young People's Core Therapeutic Alliance service in Kent. The Therapeutic Alliance will offer NICE-compliant, evidence-based, individual and group-based interventions to children and young people with predominantly moderate mental health and emotional wellbeing needs. In some cases, the Provider will support children and young people with more severe and enduring mental health needs as part of a multi-agency response / care plan.

A range of evidence-based and innovative support and interventions, including self-help support, will be offered to cater for children and young people's differing needs and preferences. Where appropriate, support will be provided to families. Evidence-based interventions will include:

- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) accredited creative therapies (examples being cooking, gardening, outward bound, arts, craft, drama, eco-therapies, music
- mentoring
- peer support sessions.

In addition, the Provider must offer a digital intervention offer that:

- is freely open to access
- is tailored for different age groups as appropriate
- is available out of hours (with some aspects available 24/7)
- has a high level of activity/supports a large number of children and young people
- includes peer support and forum functionality.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £55,303,703

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing

system

Duration in months

156

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Contract may be extended by up to 3 years

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

17 April 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

17 April 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

To access the eProcurement portal to access relevant documentation relating this opportunity, please follow the instructions below:

1. Go to <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> (and click the link to register (If your organisation has not registered previously)
2. Once registered, login into the system and look for 'Quote/tender C335201 Kent Children & Young People's Core Therapeutic Alliance'

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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<https://www.england.nhs.uk//>