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Planning

## **CN250246 - Proposed Therapeutic Support Service for Children and Young People**

Kent County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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**Country**

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**Region code**

UKJ4 - Kent

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

CN250246 - Proposed Therapeutic Support Service for Children and Young People

Reference number

DN759960

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

- 85323000 - Community health services

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

Services

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

Prior Information Notice: Draft Specification – proposed Children and Young People’s Therapeutic Support Service

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This Prior Information Notice is to share extracts from a draft Specification for a proposed Children and Young People’s Therapeutic Support Service to be procured under The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. This is following an online market engagement event held on Wednesday 12th February 2025. (Please note: this proposal follows a Key Decision taken in March 2025).

The proposed Therapeutic Support Service would support children and young people aged 4-19 who have mild/moderate emotional wellbeing needs. This means children and young who may need support with difficulties such as:

- Nervousness or anxiety
- Difficulty concentrating
- Difficultly sleeping
- Avoiding school or activities

- Feeling low and not good about themselves
- Not wanting to be with friends or family

We are proposing that this service will be closely aligned with the proposed Therapeutic Alliance, being commissioned by NHS Kent and Medway to support children and young people with predominantly moderate emotional wellbeing and mental health needs.

#### Feedback on draft Specification

We would like to share the draft Specification with providers and invite comment and feedback using the following survey link by midday on Friday 21st March 2025:

<https://forms.office.com/e/a9urnqS19A>

We are also sharing the responses to questions raised at the Market Engagement Event held on Wednesday 12th February 2025 and through our feedback survey, alongside this PIN.

#### How to access draft Specification

In order to access the draft Specification please visit <https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/> and register your interest. Once registered please search under the current opportunities using keyword reference CN250246.

#### Future Market Engagement

We are no longer intending to hold a further in-person market engagement event, due to the proposed timescales, but to support collaborative conversations, we would like to invite any providers who would like to have their details shared with other interested organisations to complete the Provider Information form that will be available on the portal, and email it to [phstprogramme@kent.gov.uk](mailto:phstprogramme@kent.gov.uk) by midday on 21.03.25. By returning this form, you are giving consent for this information to be shared with other interested organisations who have also shared their details for this purpose.

KCC will compile the responses into a provider prospectus and aim to distribute this document via email during the week commencing 24.03.25, to all providers who have submitted and consented for their details to be shared. Please note, we will not be providing further updates to the provider prospectus after this point.

#### Proposed Next Steps:

Following a Key Decision taken in March 2025, we propose to publish an Invitation to Tender on the Kent Business Portal in early April 2025.

### **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**

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## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

4 April 2025

## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No