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## **0762 Specialist Adoption and SGO Support Services Framework Re-Opening**

Essex County Council  
Suffolk County Council  
Thurrock Council

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

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### **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

### **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.duenorth.com/Advert/Index?advertId=2ee4fa0a-17c4-ed11-8120-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.duenorth.com/Advert/Index?advertId=2ee4fa0a-17c4-ed11-8120-005056b64545>

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

Regional or local authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

0762 Specialist Adoption and SGO Support Services Framework Re-Opening

Reference number

DN661174

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Introduction

Essex(ECC), Thurrock and Suffolk (SCC) County Council are seeking to secure a range of good quality providers to deliver support services to adoptive and SGO families. This is to meet statutory duties to provide adoption and SGO support services. The overarching aims of creating a framework are:

- to promote sufficiency and capacity of quality services across Essex, Thurrock and Suffolk local
- to improve the stability, resilience and wellbeing of adoptive and SGO families and meet their therapeutic needs
- to have a compliant mechanism to purchase a variety of specialist therapeutic services
- To use funding available for these services including the Adoption Support Fund as effectively and efficiently as possible

The current framework has been live for one year, and we are looking to invite bidders to join the framework to increase the provider potential for our children and young people.

Scope of Services

Adopted children and those subject to a Special Guardianship Order often have moderate to complex mental health and emotional well-being needs. Therapeutic interventions and assessments are required to assist both children and adults to deal with the long-term effects of what abuse and trauma provide. All services commissioned to provide adoption and SGO support and assessment will meet the following outcomes:

- Reduction and/or prevention of adoption and Special Guardianship Order placement disruptions and children re-entering care.
- Enable children and families affected by adoption or Special Guardianship Orders to achieve/maintain stability and reach their full potential as individuals and as family groups.
- Adoptive and Special Guardianship Order families to enjoy strong and stable family relationships.
- Adoptive and Special Guardianship Order families are resilient and have the skills and knowledge to support themselves and each other. Ensure that the most cost efficient and effective services can be supplied to families.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 4

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Training

Lot No

1

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services
- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation
- 85320000 - Social services

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia
- UKH3 - Essex

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Training is expected to cover a wide range of skills and approaches as identified within a family individual plan and the most common types of training required are listed below. All training offered should: be delivered by suitably qualified trainers with subject specialism; be clearly focused on meeting the needs and circumstances of adoptive and SGO families; be planned and delivered to timescales agreed with each adoption team; feedback from all course attendees should be sought for each course and given to each Local Authority (LA).

This lot includes the following types of training but is not limited to:

- 1.1. Non Violent Resistance
- 1.2. Attachment
- 1.3. Matching
- 1.4. Transitions
- 1.5. Theraplay
- 1.6. Communicating and connecting
- 1.7. Life story
- 1.8. Contact
- 1.9. Friends and family
- 1.10. Playfulness Acceptance Currosity Explore
- 1.11. Therapeutic parenting

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Start date

31 May 2023

End date

31 March 2026

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: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Therapeutic Intervention

Lot No

2

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

## **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia
- UKH3 - Essex

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Therapeutic intervention will be wide ranging in order to meet individual needs but should be evidence based and in line with therapies listed under the ASF. They must be tailored to meet the needs and circumstances of adoptive and SGO families, and planned and delivered to timescales agreed with each adoption team.

This lot includes the following types of therapeutic intervention but is not limited to:

2.1 Art therapy

2.2 Dance movement therapy

2.3 Yoga

2.4 Music therapy

2.5 Play therapy

2.6 Group-based art or play therapy

2.7 Filial therapy

2.8 Lego Therapy

2.9 Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT)

2.10 Dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT)

2.11 Eye movement desensitisation and reprocessing (EMDR)

2.12 Internal Families System Therapy

- 2.13 Reducing anxiety management plan (RAMP)
- 2.14 Sensory Integration Processing Therapy or therapeutic listening Programme
- 2.15 Cognitive Therapy
- 2.16 Education Psychotherapy
- 2.17 Group Based Art or Play Therapy
- 2.18 Attachment Therapy
- 2.19 Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy (DDP)
- 2.20 Child to Parent Violence (CPV) Individual Based Programme
- 2.21 Multi-systemic family therapy
- 2.22 Systemic family therapy
- 2.23 Psychodynamic therapy
- 2.24 Theraplay
- 2.25 Koru Project
- 2.26 Therapeutic life story work for the child
- 2.27 Individual psychological therapy
- 2.28 Drama Therapy
- 2.29 Neuro-integration system therapy (NIS)Psychoanalytical therapy
- 2.30 Video-feedback intervention to promote positive parenting and sensitive discipline (VIPP-SD)

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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End date

31 March 2026

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No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Specialist Assessments

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85312000 - Social work services without accommodation

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia
- UKH3 - Essex

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Following a social work assessment of support needs, there are occasions when a specialist assessment is indicated. Providers will deliver robust clinical assessment of children and young people's developmental trauma and attachment. All assessments provided should be delivered by suitably qualified trainers and planned and delivered to timescales agreed with each adoption team. The assessments that this service will provide include, but are not limited to:

- 3.1. Comprehensive systemic family assessments
- 3.2. Psychological & psychiatric assessments
- 3.3. Assessments of therapeutic needs
- 3.4. Assessments of contact needs
- 3.5. Sensory integration/occupational therapy assessments
- 3.6. Multi-disciplinary assessments

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Short Breaks

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia
- UKH3 - Essex

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Short breaks commissioned will include therapeutic breaks for the whole family or child only, to provide structured and supported time with access to therapeutic services and an

opportunity to develop peer relationships with other adoptive and SGO families. Providers of breaks will be expected to work with the Local Authority to provide a service that will meet the needs of the families referred.

#### 4.1 Therapeutic Short Breaks

##### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

Start date

31 May 2023

End date

31 March 2026

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: No

##### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

##### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

This Framework Agreement does not exceed 4 years

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

Date

1 May 2023

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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

1 May 2023

Local time

3:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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