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Tender

Provision of an Advocacy Service for parents with children in or on the edge of care

Medway Council

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Scope

Description

Medway Council believes that where appropriate and safe to do so, every effort should be made to support families to keep their children with their family setting. The Advocacy service for parents will work in a multi-disciplinary way to support families on the edge of care and those with children already in care to build their strength and emotional resilience. Giving them the confidence to access support and services to ensure they can safely keep their children in their care.

The service will provide high quality advocacy support to families to enable them to address the issues and challenges in their lives that may prevent them from keeping their children. These may include issues such as:

-Poor emotional wellbeing

-Poor physical and mental health

-Experience of Trauma

-Significant Learning disability

-Limited access to community support and services

-Inconsistent use of contraception

-Continued experience of Domestic Violence

-Ongoing Substance Misuse

-Inadequate Housing

-Financial Hardship

Direct work with families will recognise differences in experiences of these and other factors providing a holistic, well-rounded support focused on building a family's stability to work through these factors to safely support their child or children.

It is likely that the majority of families supported by this service will be in pre-proceedings, some families may have already had children removed.

The service will support families as directed by the Medway Family Partnership Co-ordinator. Note – Families refers to working with both parents (either jointly or separately) or working with single parents (either Mum or Dad).

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Chatham:-Social-work-and-related-services./3EUG35KYV8>

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Total value (estimated)

- £1,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029
- Possible extension to 30 June 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

One option to extend for a period of 12 months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 85310000 - Social work services

Contract locations

- UKJ41 - Medway

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

See procurement specific questionnaire

Technical ability conditions of participation

See procurement specific questionnaire

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

27 February 2026, 5:30pm

Tender submission deadline

16 March 2026, 4:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/respond/3EUG35KYV8>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

6 May 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical Questions in social value	Quality	70%
Price	Price	30%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Medway Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWYH-3898-LDQR

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government