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Planning

SC240063 Parent Infant Mental Health (PIMHS)

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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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SC240063 Parent Infant Mental Health (PIMHS)

Reference number

DN770946

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

PIN – Parent Infant Relationship Mental Health Service (PIMHS)

Kent County Council (KCC) are anticipating procuring a Parent-Infant Mental Health (PIMH) Service to be in place from November 2025.

Please note that this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is not a call for competition at this stage.

We are seeking an organisation that can provide and manage a Multidisciplinary team of Clinical psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Specialist Parent-Infant Mental Health Practitioners, Psychotherapists and mixed providers with clinical expertise who can bring a range of skills to help deliver this proposed new and ground breaking service for Kent.

The proposed service would be made up of:

Overall Clinical Lead for the Multidisciplinary Team - 1 Band 8C WTE

Specialist Clinical Lead and Clinical Lead to the Operational Team – 1 Band 8A WTE

Operational Team Specialist Practitioner – 3 Band 7 WTE (3 WTE from year 2 onwards)

Administrator – Minimum of 1 WTE

The draft Service specification: outlines an approach for the market to consider and KCC would like organisations to come together at an in-person market engagement event with other agencies for an opportunity to collaborate on how you could deliver this proposed service. Please note updates have been made to the safeguarding sections of the draft Service specification and updated throughout to reflect how the proposed service could be delivered by a provider or providers who would like to work in a collaborative partnership.

The provider will need to create and maintain a Kent Parent Infant Mental Health website to support parents, families and professionals in Kent. The website will need to provide a range of resources tailored to support both parents, families and professionals.

This proposed service for Kent will engage families, embedding support and helping them to form healthy relationships with their infant.

You will be flexible in your approach to meet the differing needs of our population, including children in deep poverty as well as neurodivergent parents. Screening tools such as GAD7 will be utilised to identify need and interventions required. We are open to suggestions of alternative, evidence based models and any other feedback you may wish to provide.

The proposed service will work as a team supporting families with identified needs who may have been referred by the health visiting service, accredited Video Interaction Guidance (VIG) practitioners and trained baby massage practitioners.

Next steps:

Please complete and return attached questionnaire and any feedback or extra questions by 12pm on Wednesday 16th April 2025 to Sophia.Dunstan@Kent.gov.uk

Parent-Infant Mental Health Service Pre-Market Questionnaire & Registration Form (open in browser)

<https://forms.office.com/e/1hxxFz0iXu>

Market Engagement Event – Online

Day: Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Time: 12:00-13:00

Location – Microsoft Teams

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Documents included:

Pre-market Questionnaire and Registration Form

Parent Infant Mental Health Draft Specification

Parent Infant Mental Health Overview Slides

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

8 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