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Planning

Infant Feeding Peer Support Service

Kent County Council

F01: Prior information notice

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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

Infant Feeding Peer Support Service

Reference number

DN771769

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

PIN – Infant Feeding Peer Support Service

This is a notice to the market for an opportunity to review the draft service specification for a new place-based Infant Feeding Peer Support Service.

It is Kent County Council's intention to open the competitive tender for the Infant Feeding Peer Support Service in June 2025.

This procurement would fall under the Health Care Service (PSR) Regulations 2023

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Please note this notice is not a call for competition; therefore, you are not expected to submit any tender documents at this stage. Further information relating to this procurement will be published on Contracts Finder and the Kent Business Portal at a future date. Interested providers are advised to create a supplier profile on the Kent Business Portal to receive notifications.

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The proposed place-based Infant Feeding Peer Support Service will be designed to support prospective and expectant parents and carers, and parent and carers with infant feeding through local accessible sessions. The service will align with the Health and Care Partnerships (and maternity services) to enable mothers to access infant feeding social support and peer support in a group setting through the Family Hubs programme.

We welcome you to review the draft service specification and provide feedback about the proposal. The deadline to provide feedback is 1st May 2025.

More information on these proposals is available here:

Health Reform and Public Health Cabinet Committee papers

<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdemocracy.kent.gov.uk%2Fdocuments%2Fs128438%2F25%252000001%2520Decision%2520Report.pdf&data=05%7C02%7CGilda.Arabnia%40kent.gov.uk%7C58e5ddf77ac141b4981708dd78d49>

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Please email feedback to: infantfeeding@kent.gov.uk

Documents included:

Infant Feeding Peer Support Service Specification (to access please visit the Kent Business Portal <https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/> and search Infant Feeding Peer Support Service and express an interest to view the document.

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

15 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