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Planning

Adult Lifestyles Stop Smoking, Weight Management and Healthy Lifestyles Service

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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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

Adult Lifestyles Stop Smoking, Weight Management and Healthy Lifestyles Service

Reference number

DN771787

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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Lot 2: Weight Management and Healthy Lifestyle Service (East Kent) including Referrals Management (Kent wide)

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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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Description of the procurement:

KCC are expecting to commission the One You Kent Service in two Lots. It is anticipated that tenderers will be able to apply for either or both Lots.

Lot 1: Stop Smoking Service (Kent wide)

The Stop Smoking Service will be delivered by a single provider across the whole of Kent. Countywide delivery includes the following Kent local authority areas: Ashford, Canterbury, Dartford, Dover, Gravesham, Folkestone & Hythe, Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Swale, Thanet, Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells.

The service will support Kent residents 12+ (with no upper age limit) and provide weekly behavioural support alongside nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) and other smoking cessation aids over a 7 week period. The service will also offer adult smokers access to vapes as a way to support a quit attempt. People will receive support face to face, in a group, via telephone, or through other digital solutions.

The contract is anticipated to commence on 1 April 2026 and will run for a period of Three years (expiring 31 March 2029) with an optional extension, up to 24 months at the discretion of the Council, unless terminated in accordance with the published Conditions of Contract.

The Provider will hold the contract with KCC and be ultimately responsible for the delivery of the service detailed in the service specification, through the implementation and development of a responsive service that is engaged with partner agencies.

Lot 2: Weight Management and Healthy Lifestyle Service (East Kent) including Referrals Management (Kent Wide)

The Weight Management and Healthy Lifestyle Service will be delivered by a single provider across East Kent (Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone and Hythe, Swale and Thanet). The Provider will also be required to manage and deliver a central referral system and process for the whole of Kent (Ashford, Canterbury, Dartford, Dover, Gravesham, Folkestone & Hythe, Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Swale, Thanet, Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells).

The service will support Kent residents to manage their weight, improve their diet, increase their physical activity (including health walks), boost their wellbeing, reduce their alcohol consumption and provide identification and brief advice on smoking and cannabis use. The service will also provide one to one coaching and referral as appropriate to more specialist services.

The service will predominantly be for people aged 18 and over, with no upper age limit. However, the service will be able to show a degree of flexibility to accept young people under 18 where appropriate.

The contract is anticipated to commence on 1 April 2026 and will run for a period of three years (expiring 31 March 2029) with an optional extension, up to 36 months at the discretion of the Council, unless terminated in accordance with the published Conditions of Contract.

The Provider will hold the contract with KCC and be ultimately responsible for the delivery of the service detailed in the service specification, through the implementation and development of a responsive service that is engaged with partner agencies.

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