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## **Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children & Young People (UASC) - Kent and Medway**

NHS Kent and Medway CCG

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**NUTS code**

UKJ4 - Kent

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk](http://www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk)

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/68205>

**I.3) Communication**

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

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=47390&B=AGCSU](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=47390&B=AGCSU)

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children & Young People (UASC) - Kent and Medway

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group are undertaking a procurement process and are inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to bid for an Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children & Young People (UASC) Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Support Service for Kent and Medway. The anticipated contract duration will be 3 years with an option to extend for up to a further 2 years.

The service is a Schedule 3 Service and is being procured under the Light Touch Regime(LTR) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

Bidders should note that Clinical Commissioning Groups will shortly be succeeded by Integrated Care Boards (ICBs). Therefore, it is expected that following this process the successful contractor will enter into a contract with Kent & Medway ICB.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

In the past 5 years there has been an unprecedented rise in the number of applications for asylum made by Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children and Young People (UASC).

Within Kent and Medway, there is a cohort of UASC who need emotional wellbeing and mental health support and therapy, that cannot currently access all aspects of the help they need at the time they need it. There are gaps in the range of services provided for emotional wellbeing and mental health support and therapy for this very vulnerable group of young people in Kent and Medway.

This new service will be part of a stepped range of services across Kent and Medway and will complement and enhance existing services rather than replace them. There will be clear step-up and transition arrangements with the specialist mental health services,

Children and Young People's Mental Health Service (CYPMHS), Medway Young People's Wellbeing Service (MYPWS) and Adult Mental health Service (AMHS).

The aim of the proposed service will be to provide a timely, effective, evidence-based range of support, therapeutic interventions and psychoeducational support. This will be delivered within group, individual and activity-based formats and web based resources in order to deliver emotional wellbeing support and lower level psychological interventions to UASC aged under 21 years old at the point of their referral. The decision as to which intervention is provided and how this is provided (for example: virtual or face-to-face) will be based on the outcome of a clinical assessment and the needs of the child/ young person.

The required outcomes of service are as follows:

- Achieving the activity targets and timeframes both set in the service specification and developed and agreed in partnership with the provider
- Enhancing the quality of life and improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of the UASC, creatively utilising evidence-based interventions (support and therapy) delivered by suitably qualified and supervised professionals
- Interventions will be delivered in a safe environment and protecting the young people from avoidable harm

- Reporting will use agreed outcome measures to evidence the efficacy of the service via a regular cycle of review, monitoring and evaluation
- Raising the level of awareness of the needs of UASC and providing evidence-based training for professionals working with UASC to raise awareness, standards and good practice
- Ensuring the voice of the service user is used in the development of the service, including linking to the Service for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (SUASC) Apprentice posts, to enhance participation and improve outcomes.

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

60

#### **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.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

14 July 2022

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom