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Tender

Kent & Medway Appropriate Adult (AA) Service

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent

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Scope

Description

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent is seeking to award a Contract for the provision of Kent & Medway Appropriate Adult (AA) Service. Under The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) the Police have a statutory requirement to provide an AA when dealing with a suspect who is a juvenile or vulnerable adult, but they cannot provide the AA themselves, as they must be independent from the police. The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) introduced the provision of Appropriate Adults (AA) to safeguard the interests of vulnerable adults and juveniles suspected of a criminal offence. An AA's role is to ensure that vulnerable people are treated fairly, with respect for their rights and entitlements and that they can understand and participate effectively in criminal proceedings related to the investigation and/or their detention. The value of the contract being procured is estimated to be £1,560,000 GBP depending upon extension options being taken, For the purpose of this tender bidders should base their pricing on a budget of £260,000 per annum. As detailed in the procurement documents. Additional coverage of the AA service may be required during the lifetime of the contract. As such the contract value may increase up to the overall value of £2,760,000. There is no guarantee of this inclusion. As detailed within the procurement documents for this tender

Total value (estimated)

- £2,760,000 excluding VAT
- £3,312,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2032
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

2 x 12 months extension

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Please refer to the Tender Documentation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

13 June 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

25 June 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

This opportunity is available via the 7 Force Commercial Tendering Portal. To register, visit https://7force.force.com/ProSpend_eSourcing_Community_Registration?locale=uk If you are already registered on the Portal, you can login here: <https://7force.force.com/login> Once logged in, visit the 'Find Opportunities' section and click 'Register Interest'. Follow the steps to view the documents

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

29 September 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality		Quality	65.00%
Price		Price	25.00%
Social Value Price	Social Value Price 5%	Price	5.00%
Social Value Quality	Social Value Quality 5%	Quality	5.00%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLZD-7548-CLJY

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Website: <https://7force.force.com>

Region: UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government