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## **Autism Assessments**

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk>

**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**

Autism Assesments

Reference number

DN576810

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

Provision of Autism Spectrum Disorder face to face clinics including diagnosis for children and young people (age 2 -11 years) in West and North Kent delivered over a 6 month period (01.10.21 to 31.03.22) with a minimum of 75 assessments being undertaken per month (total activity = 450)

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £675,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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The supplier will need to provide a suitably qualified and experienced team of clinical staff (the Autism Team) comprising of the following as appropriate:

Either:

- a consultant community paediatrician;
- or a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist

Plus

- A clinical psychologist; and/or
- A speech and language therapist; and/or

- An occupational therapist

The Autism Team will be (as appropriate)

- registered with the Health Care Professions Council (HCPC), which is renewed every two years.
- members of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists the registration for which is renewed annually.
- clinically supervised by the supplier, ensuring that all work falls within their Governance Framework.

The Team will undertake autism specific case history (using a standardised case history format) and a clinical observation assessment for autism reaching a conclusion regarding diagnosis and sharing this with the family at the time of assessment.

The autism diagnostic assessments will be undertaken utilising appropriate clinical assessment tools, e.g. Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) and clinical judgement to support the differential diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

The supplier's clinical staff will supply and use their own Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) Kits for each clinical assessment undertaken as well as the relevant ADOS Module forms that are required as part of the assessment (the cost of these forms will be covered by the Supplier).

All ASD assessments will be carried out by two or three clinicians one of whom will always be either a consultant community paediatrician or consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist. The others will be, either, a clinical psychologist, a speech and language therapist or an occupational therapist

All assessments will follow the format detailed below:

- ADOS and developmental history carried out simultaneously
- Team confer and reach conclusion
- Conclusion offered to parents immediately with opportunity for feedback and questions

Full diagnostic reports with signposting to local services will be sent out six to eight weeks after the assessment.

Written reports completed by the Autism Team following each assessment will be distributed directly to the child's family and relevant professionals. Copies will be sent

electronically via secure email ([nhs.net](https://nhs.uk) or similarly encrypted email) or uploaded to the KCHFT Community Paediatric Service electronic patient record system within six to eight weeks of the assessment being undertaken

The Supplier will ensure that the content of the reports are clinically appropriate to the assessment carried out and details the assessment findings and recommendations made by their staff during the assessment

A full audit of the service will be provided at the end of the contract to include statistics on diagnosis rates, satisfaction scores and feedback from parents.

An identified staff member from the Supplier to be available five days per week as project manager for KCHFT staff to liaise with as required.

Location

West Kent (Maidstone) and North Kent (Gravesham) – will need to work in both areas

KCHFT will ensure the provision of a room at the site, that is suitably equipped and furnished for the Autism Team to use, and large enough to accommodate between 3 and 6 persons as appropriate, to ensure a quiet base for joint assessment, liaison and therapy planning

Purchase value

£675,000 maximum budget

Delivery period

1 October 2021 – 31 March 2022

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **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.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This is the only known supplier and is an urgent need for the trust's patients. The trust is scoping a complaint procurement process for a contract to come into force after the term specified in this advert.

This contract has been awarded..

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

DN576810

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

15 October 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

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15 New Dover Road

Canterbury

CT1 3AS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £675,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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