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Contract

SC21032 Therapies - SEN, Adoption Support Service and VSK

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Local Authority

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SC21032 Therapies - SEN, Adoption Support Service and VSK

Reference number

DN571881

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

SEN Therapies Lot 1

The Council recognises that SEN therapy service providers have an important role in improving a CYP's participation in learning experiences and access to curriculum opportunities and outcomes for our children who have an EHC plan. We therefore want to establish a relational contracting approach with providers on the QPL that will:

- recognise the interdependencies between local authorities, service providers, Ofsted, and other stakeholders;
- facilitate co-operation, shared learning, and improvement;
- enable us to anticipate and respond quickly to the changing needs of the Council's CYP with an EHC plan;
- support joint working between the Council's education and service providers to help improve outcomes for Council's CYP with an EHC plan;
- help to ensure sufficiency and suitability of the therapy provision that is tailored to the current and anticipated needs of Council's CYP with an EHC plan; and
- ensure fairness in the commercial arrangements between commissioners and providers and transparency of prices.

Adoption Support Service Lot 2

The Adoption Support Fund (ASF) has been established to help adoptive families access the services they need more easily. The ASF provides funds to local authorities (LAs) and Regional Adoption Agency's (RAA) to pay for essential therapeutic services for eligible adoptive and special guardianship order (SGO) families.

The aim of the ASF and the support it funds is to:

- Improve outcomes for young people and families
- Improve the core adoption/SGO support offered to families
- Build the evidence base so that interventions demonstrate the effectiveness and value for money

Virtual Schools Kent (Lot 3)

Virtual School Head Teachers (VSHs) are responsible for promoting the educational achievement of all the children looked after by the local authority they work for. With some young people a therapeutic approach or intervention may be needed in order to support access to or engagement with education.

Kent Children in Care (CiC) aged from 3 to 18 years of age are supported by Virtual School Kent (VSK). Pupil Premium Plus funding (PP+), Post 16 Pupil Premium Plus (P16PP+) or Early Years Pupil Premium funding (EYPP) can be used to pay for activities that will: -

- a) Improve the learning targets in children's Personal Education Plans (PEPs).
- b) Encourage CiC to be more involved and interested in their education.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £1,000,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

SEN Therapies Lot 1

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

SEN Therapies

Successful bidders shall be invited to sign the framework agreement join the QPL for the appropriate lots they have bid for (Framework Agreement). Entry into this contract shall not guarantee that the Council will buy Therapy Services from any bidder but will ensure that successful bidder will be included in the Council's QPL.

As and when the Council needs specific Therapy Services, the Council shall:

1. review the QPL and select the providers that have the professional qualifications to deliver the required services;
2. start a mini-competition by submitting a call-off request to those selected providers in accordance with the Framework Agreement (Order Form or request for service from relevant service (SEN therapies - Lot 1 or Adoption Support Service - Lot 2);
3. request a final price for the relevant Therapy Services; and
4. decide whether to proceed with the required Therapy Services at the price stated based on the award criteria set out at section.

Where in the reasonable professional opinion of the Council there is only one provider with the relevant expertise to provide the required Therapy Services to a particular CYP, the Council may approach a single provider on the QPL.

No call-off and/or contract for any requested Therapy Services shall be deemed to have taken place and/or been formed until the Council formally accepts the price quoted by the chosen provider in accordance with the Framework Agreement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Adoption Support Service Lot 2

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Adoption Service - Therapies

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Price - Weighting: 0

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Virtual Schools Kent (Lot 3)

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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a) Improve the learning targets in children's Personal Education Plans (PEPs).

b) Encourage CiC to be more involved and interested in their education.

Therapeutic support should not be regarded as alternative health provision of therapy services for gaps in commissioned NHS service delivery. Services required to support PEP targets, often involve intensive specialist interventions or approaches required to maintain educational placements and promote progress.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-002270](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SC21032

Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 September 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 19

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 14

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 19

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Innerventure Ltd

Ashford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fun and Gains Therapy Ltd

Rainham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Jemma Gita Hone

Chartham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Owl Centre Limited

Pembroke

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £1,000,000 taken into consideration

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SC21032

Lot No

2

Title

Adoption Support Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 September 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 19

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 14

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 19

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Oxford Diocesan Council for Social Work Incorporated

Reading

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Psicion Ltd

Canterbury

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Kent Child Trauma Services

Whistable

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Erica Mala Counselling Psychotherapy

Sydenham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Chroma Therapies Ltd

Ross on Wye

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

NVR Parenting

Cobham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

South London and Maudsley NHSFT

Beckenham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Dr Billy Smythe Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Innerventure Ltd

Ashford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Roya Dooman

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Alice Lawrence

Chartham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Connect B4 Correct Clinical Partnership

Sandwich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Lilyoak Therapeutic Services

Whistable

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Purple Octopus

Sittingbourne

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

StirlingLord

Ashford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £1,000,000 taken into consideration

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SC21032

Lot No

3

Title

Virtual Schools Kent

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 September 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 19

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- UK - United Kingdom

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Country

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NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Country

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NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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Yes

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Lilyoak Therapeutic Services

Whistable

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Purple Octopus

Sittingbourne

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Sarah Post Speech Therapy

Rochester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

StirlingLord

Ashford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £1,000,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Sessions House

Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

Country

United Kingdom