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## **CN240158 - Habilitation Services - Children**

Kent County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049a65

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

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

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ4 - Kent

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**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**

General public services

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

CN240158 - Habilitation Services - Children

Reference number

DN742915

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

Description: Kent County Council is looking to invite organisations to inform the recommission of the Habilitation service. Habilitation involves one-to-one training for children and young people with a vision impairment. Starting from their existing skills, it aims to develop their personal mobility, navigation and independent living skills. At whatever age the training is started, the overriding goal is to maximise the child or young person's independence, opening the way in the future, to further study, employment and an independent life.'

At this stage in the commissioning cycle, Kent County Council is seeking engagement with organisations that can deliver Habilitation services. Workshops will initially support understanding market capability and capacity to deliver this service.

Typically, Habilitation service will offer:

- Deliver a comprehensive Habilitation Service to Children and young people with a vision impairment are supported to develop independent living skills so they are able to live independently once leaving school.
- Children and young people with a vision impairment are supported to access mainstream school. This can include taking undertaking environmental audits of the school environment and recommending adaptations to aid the child in independent navigating the school environment.
- Family awareness sessions.
- To maintain the Sight Impairment Register of Children and Young People.
- To complete the registration process (of the Sight Impairment Register) on receipt on Certificate of Visual Impairment (CVI).

- To complete Specialist Assessments as part of the registration process including advice regarding relevant Benefits and Concessions.
- To respond to enquirers for Information, Advice and Guidance.

The service will be provided across Kent. The current service works with approximately 157 children/young people per year, either in the school setting or community.

Kent County Council is inviting organisations with an interest to attend Market engagement events. The dates for the workshops are below. Kent County Council reserve the right to amend this schedule depending on market interest.

1st October 2024 13:00-14:00

7th October 2024 14:00-15:00

It is KCC's intention to engage the market to inform our approach to recommissioning this service.

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The detailed specification is not available to view at this stage.

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

Value excluding VAT: £380,000

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

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### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

If following Market Engagement the decision is to procure the services, the contract will be for 3 + 1 years

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

11 October 2024

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## **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