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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Representation, Rights and Advocacy Service

Reference number

DN581609

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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EOI will be open from 15.00 on the 03/12/2021 to 14.00 on the 10/12/2021.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £780,000

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

Main site or place of performance

County of Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Kent County Council (KCC) is looking for an organisation or a consortium of organisations to deliver a Representation, Rights and Advocacy Service, that includes individual elements that are a recurring statutory requirement for KCC, as defined by the Children's Act 1989.

The aim will be to provide a dedicated service that offers robust, consistent and sustainable support to children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The service model will bring together six interconnected elements of support which include:

1. Advocacy for Children in Care and for Care Leavers aged 16 – 24.
2. Independent Visitors for Children in Care aged 8 – 18 years.
3. Independent Persons for Stage 2 complaints under the Children Act 1989.
4. Appropriate Adults for young people aged 10 - 17 years, and vulnerable adults, detained at police custody suites who require support.
5. Accompanying Adults for the purpose of age assessment interviews for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, Children Act 1989.
6. In addition, and in support to the Independent Visitors Service, funding will be provided for 10 places for a Leaving Care Mentoring Service. This additional funding is for young people who turn 18 and who choose to retain the support of the Independent Visitor as a Mentor. The Leaving Care Mentoring Service is not a statutory requirement under the Children's Act.

It is KCC's intention to award the contract for up to 3 years, to begin in April 2022.

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

20 December 2021

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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: Yes