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## **SC21032 Therapies - SEN, VSK and Adoption Support Service**

Kent County Council

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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

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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

SC21032 Therapies - SEN, VSK and Adoption Support Service

Reference number

DN571881

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

Kent County Council currently commissions a range of Therapies for Children and Young People across SEN, Virtual Schools Kent (VSK) and Adoption Partnership South East. There is an interdependency between the services, therefore the commissioning and procurement processes are to be aligned. The underpinning themes for all services are to deliver; seamless, joined up pathways for users of services and ease of access. An improved flexibility of approach and the ability to innovate, develop and evolve services

during the contract term and efficient performance monitoring to inform future service development.

The contract will be awarded to multiple providers following an Evaluation of the Mandatory Selection Questionnaire – there will be a continuously published Prior Information Notice, available via the Kent Business Portal. Interested suppliers are hereby invited to express their interest in this tender opportunity and submit their completed Mandatory Selection Questions by the date specified.

SEN Service are looking to commission:

- Speech and Language (SLT)
- Occupational Therapy (OT) including varying OT approaches to addressing sensory processing differences.
- Physiotherapy (PT)

Adoption Partnership South East are looking to commission:

- Therapeutic parenting training
- Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy
- Theraplay
- Filial therapy
- Creative therapies e.g., art, music, drama, play
- Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing Therapy (EMDR)
- Non-Violent Resistance (NVR)
- Sensory integration therapy/Sensory attachment therapy
- Multi Systemic Therapy
- Mentalisation Based Therapy
- Psychotherapy
- Extensive life story work with a therapeutic intervention (where therapy is used to help the young person understand and cope with the trauma and difficulties that their life story

work might revisit)

- Short Breaks are in scope where they include a substantial element of eligible therapeutic therapies

- Specialist Assessment that meets all of the criteria below:

VSK - Virtual Schools Kent are looking to commission: -

- Creative therapies e.g., art, music, drama, play
- Non-Violent Resistance (NVR)
- Sensory integration therapy
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Counselling

An in-depth assessment of the child and family's needs with a focus on trauma and attachment, and how this demonstrates the links to the assessment of support needs.

Led and undertaken by a qualified clinician(s).

For the purposes of the ASF, a qualified clinician would be someone who diagnoses and treats patients; is suitably qualified and is licensed to practice via a regulator such as the Health and Care Professional Council e.g., a trained Clinical Psychologist or Attachment Psychotherapist.

Result in a therapeutic support plan for the child(ren) / family

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.6) Original notice reference**

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

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## Section VII. Changes

### VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

II.1.1; 11.1.4

Place of text to be modified

Title to include 'VSK' ; Description to incorporate addition of VSK services

Instead of

Text

Title to include 'VSK'

Read

Text

Description to incorporate addition of VSK services