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## **Provision of Freedom To Speak Up Guardian ("FTSUG")**

Kent & Medway NHS Social Care & Partnership Trust

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02ff5d

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

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

Kent & Medway NHS Social Care & Partnership Trust

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Maidstone

ME16 9PH

#### **Contact**

Jack Moss

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKJ4 - Kent

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.kmpt.nhs.uk/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Freedom To Speak Up Guardian ("FTSUG")

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79414000 - Human resources management consultancy services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust ("KMPT" or "The Trust") requires the provision of FTSUG Services. This is a 24/7/365 service provision, undertaking the roles and responsibilities of FTSUG Services as required by the Trust.

**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: £500,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The provision of FTSUG Services to KMPT NHS Trust. The Service is proposed to be entered into for a period of four years and will fulfil the Trust's statutory obligation to provide for a guardian service. It will:

1. Help staff speak up
2. Support managers to identify resolutions and to protect them from unwarranted claims
3. Protect the institutional integrity of the Trust
4. Ensure continuous communication and briefing of staff as to the availability of the service 24/7/365

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

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

Options: 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:

It is the Trust's consideration that this is the sole provider of these Services within the United Kingdom. The Trust is issuing this VEAT Notice to inform the market of its intention to enter into a Service Contract with 'The Guardian Service' for the provision of these Services. In the event that any other economic operator (supplier) feels they are capable of providing these Services, they are requested to contact the Trust via the contact details contained within this notice.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

8 December 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**

The Guardian Service

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London

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Telephone

+44 3339998922

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.theguardianservice.co.uk/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £500,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust

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