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## **CN250157 - Speech, Language and Communication Needs – Delivering Inclusion within the Curriculum for Education (DICE) Service**

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-030734

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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**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=2eb5aecc-5ce5-ef11-8134-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=2eb5aecc-5ce5-ef11-8134-005056b64545>

**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**

CN250157 - Speech, Language and Communication Needs – Delivering Inclusion within the Curriculum for Education (DICE) Service

Reference number

DN757681

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

- 85323000 - Community health services

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

Services

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

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The service will hold a key role in supporting those children and young people who are either in mainstream schools and those who for various reasons are not attending school regularly (e.g. such as those home educated, non/low-school attendance, living in Refuges, etc) and have Speech and Language needs. This will be referred to as place-based settings.

This service will initially sit alongside the wider Community Services provided by the NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board (ICB) with an ambition for the services to be seamless provision to those accessing the Services.

The Balanced System® Framework is a framework for commissioning Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) for children and young people. The aim is to use the framework to understand, plan and evaluate services to support children and young

people with SLCN within place-based settings across Kent. The Framework has been developed in line with both national policy and legislation, as well as professional guidance for Speech and Language Therapists, to deliver integrated services for children and young people.

Subject to acquiring approval, it is Kent County Council's intention to commission a Speech, Language and Communication Needs – Delivering Inclusion within the Curriculum for Education (DICE) Service, commencing 27 October 2025.

Service delivery will be in partnership and working with the wider stakeholders, including, but not limited to NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board (ICB), 12 District and Borough Councils, Medway Council.

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

Value excluding VAT: £13,020,000

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

Quality criterion - Name: Key Criteria 1 - Quality and Innovation / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Key Criteria 1 - Mobilisation and Contract Resourcing / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Key Criteria 3 - Integration and Collaboration / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Key Criteria 4 - Improving access, reducing health inequalities, and facilitating choice / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Key Criteria 5 - Social Value / Weighting: 15

Price

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

Value excluding VAT: £13,020,000

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Available extension up to 24 months

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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.2.14) Additional information**

Procured under PSR Provider Selection Regime - Competitive Process - no option to select 'Competitive Process' in drop down menu.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-000743](#)

**IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

4 July 2025

Local time

12:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

4 July 2025

Local time

12:05pm

Place

Responses received electronically - seal broken by two KCC procurement officers present.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Seal will be broke by Senior Commercial and Procurement Officer - will be witnessed by Commercial and Procurement Officer

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom