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## **Specialist Adoption and Special Guardianship Order Support Services**

Essex County Council  
Suffolk County Council  
Thurrock Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/register>

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/register>

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

Regional or local authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

Social protection

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Specialist Adoption and Special Guardianship Order Support Services

Reference number

DN574675

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

The overarching objective of the framework is to enable Essex County Council, Suffolk County Council and Thurrock Council to have a compliant mechanism to purchase adoption and SGO support services via a variety of specialist therapeutic services, to support the individual family's needs identified via assessment by the SGO and Adoption team. Thus, improving the stability and resilience of Adoptive and Special Guardianship Order families.

The Framework will have the following Lots of support services which are in line with the support criteria for the Adoption Support Fund (ASF):

Lot 1 Training

Lot 2 Therapeutic Intervention

Lot 3 Specialist Assessments

Lot 4 Short Breaks

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 Training

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia
- UKH3 - Essex

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

Training is expected to cover a wide range of skills and approaches as identified within a family individual plan and the most common types of training required are listed below. All training offered should: be delivered by suitably qualified trainers with subject specialism; be clearly focused on meeting the needs and circumstances of adoptive and SGO families; be planned and delivered to timescales agreed with each adoption team; feedback from all course attendees should be sought for each course and given to each LA.

This lot includes the following types of training but is not limited to:

- 1.1. Non Violent Resistance
- 1.2. Attachment
- 1.3. Matching
- 1.4. Transitions
- 1.5. Theraplay
- 1.6. Communicating and connecting
- 1.7. Life story
- 1.8. Contact
- 1.9. Friends and family
- 1.10. PACE
- 1.11. Therapeutic parenting

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: Yes

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 Therapeutic Intervention

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia
- UKH3 - Essex

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

Therapeutic intervention will be wide ranging in order to meet individual needs but should be evidence based and in line with therapies listed under the ASF. They must be tailored to meet the needs and circumstances of adoptive and SGO families and planned and delivered to timescales agreed with each adoption team.

This lot includes the following types of therapeutic intervention but is not limited to:

2.1 Art therapy

2.2 Dance movement therapy

2.3 Yoga

2.4 Music therapy

2.5 Play therapy

2.6 Group-based art or play therapy

2.7 Filial therapy

2.8 Lego Therapy

2.9 Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT)

2.10 Dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT)

2.11 Eye movement desensitisation and reprocessing (EMDR)

2.12 Internal Families System Therapy

2.13 Reducing anxiety management plan (RAMP)

2.14 Sensory Integration Processing Therapy or therapeutic listening Programme

2.15 Cognitive Therapy

2.16 Education Psychotherapy

2.17 Group Based Art or Play Therapy

2.18 Attachment Therapy

2.19 Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy (DDP)

2.20 Child to Parent Violence (CPV) Individual Based Programme

2.21 Multi-systemic family therapy

2.22 Systemic family therapy

2.23 Psychodynamic therapy

2.24 Theraplay

2.25 Koru Project

2.26 Therapeutic life story work for the child

2.27 Individual psychological therapy

2.28 Drama Therapy

2.29 Neuro-integration system therapy (NIS)Psychoanalytical therapy

2.30 Video-feedback intervention to promote positive parenting and sensitive discipline (VIPP-SD)

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

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

Duration in months

48

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No

#### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 Specialist Assessments

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia
- UKH3 - Essex

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

Following a social work assessment of support needs, there are occasions when a specialist assessment is indicated. Providers will deliver robust clinical assessment of children and young people's developmental trauma and attachment. All assessments provided should be delivered by suitably qualified trainers and planned and delivered to timescales agreed with each adoption team. The assessments that this service will provide include, but are not limited to, the following:

3.1. Comprehensive systemic family assessments

3.2. Psychological & psychiatric assessments

3.3. Assessments of therapeutic needs

3.4. Assessments of contact needs

3.5. Sensory integration/occupational therapy assessments

3.6. Multi-disciplinary assessments

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

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 Short Breaks

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia
- UKH3 - Essex

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

Short breaks commissioned will include therapeutic breaks for the whole family or child only to provide structured and supported time with the access to therapeutic services and an opportunity to develop peer relationships with other adoptive and SGO families. Providers of breaks will be expected to work with the Local Authority to provide a service that will meet the needs of the families referred.

#### 4.1 Therapeutic Short Breaks

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

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

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

Date

25 January 2022

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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

25 January 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

High Court, Royal Courts of Justice

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