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Contract

## **Representation, Rights and Advocacy Service**

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-031472

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03434e

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

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

Kent County Council

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Maidstone

ME14 1XX

#### **Contact**

Mr Andy Jones

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ4 - Kent

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**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**

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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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.

### **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: £776,400

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

Price

#### **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**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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

Notice number: [2022/S 000-015528](#)

#### **IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

7 November 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The Young Lives Foundation

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £776,400

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom