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Planning

Young Carers Service

Kent County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0302d1

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKJ4 - Kent

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Young Carers Service

Reference number

DN587739

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council (KCC) is looking for an organisation or a consortium of organisations to deliver a countywide Young Carers Service. This includes a recurring statutory requirement for KCC, as defined under Section 96 of the Children and Families Act 2014, to ensure young carers and their families are identified and their needs for support are assessed.

The aim will be to provide a dedicated service that will:

1. Increase the identification and assessment of young carers in Kent.
2. Provide young carers some respite from their caring responsibilities.
3. Help reduce the risk of their situation escalating.
4. Improve the quality of young carers' lives.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £976,500

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

County of Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Raising of awareness will include training the wider workforce (schools, agencies and professionals that are in contact with young carers) in how to identify and assess young carers.

Direct and ongoing support for young carers and their families will include developing, monitoring, and reviewing action plans for young carers, and advocating on behalf of young carers and/or their families, when appropriate.

It is KCC's intention to award the contract for up to three years, to begin in May 2022. The estimated financial envelope for the Young Carers Service is £325,500 annually.

A set of soft market engagement questions and an opportunity to comment on the proposals at an engagement event, held on a one-to-one basis, will be available to those who express an interest via the Kent Business Portal.

Kent County Council is committed to ensuring fairness, openness, and transparency and to following EU procurement regulations. The Prior Information Notice (PIN) is issued solely for the purpose of conducting pre-procurement market testing.

The EOI (Expression of Interest) will be open from 12.00 on the 17/12/2021 to 15.00 on the 24/12/2022.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 March 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes