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Opportunity

Long Acting Reversible Contraception in Primary Care Settings DPS

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/>

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

Long Acting Reversible Contraception in Primary Care Settings DPS

Reference number

DN701186

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121100 - General-practitioner services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council is procuring through Primary Care, the fitting, monitoring, checking, and removal of intrauterine devices (IUDs), intrauterine systems (IUSs) and sub-dermal implants (SDIs), collectively known as long-acting reversible contraception (LARC), for contraceptive purposes only. The Council is aiming to procure a service which is available in each Kent geographical Primary Care Network area, to ensure access for services throughout the county.

The service will be provided in primary care settings across Kent, by practitioners who hold valid and up-to-date Letters of Competence (LoC), as issued by the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (FSRH), for the procedures undertaken, or by potential providers who have suitability to pursue the professional activity, including the ability to:

- achieve and maintain competence to deliver LARC as specified by the FSRH as part of a primary care pathway.
- have appropriate treatment rooms and facilities for delivery of LARC as specified by FSRH latest clinical guidance, within each geographical GP PCN/ neighbourhood quadrant.
- ensure that patients with needs relating to uncomplicated STIs should have their care managed by appropriately skilled healthcare professionals, as defined by the latest standards specified by the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH).

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

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The contract term would be from 1/12/2023-30/11/2024, with the possibility of two 12 months extensions. Contracts with Suppliers will be tariff-based and subject to change, with no minimum guaranteed value, as the service is activity based). However, the estimated total spends including reimbursement of the LARC devices, over 3 years is 4,100,000 GBP.

Kent County Council is looking to appoint Suppliers through a Dynamic Purchasing System, to provide this service. The DPS is for the procurement of social and other services referred to in Regulation 74 of the Public Contracts Regulations (2015) and as such, the intention is to use a Light Touch Regime, rather than the full regime described in Regulation 34 (Dynamic Purchasing System).

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

Start date

1 December 2023

End date

30 November 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Maximum of two 12 months extensions from 01 December 2024 to 30 November 2025 and 01 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Practitioners who hold valid and up-to-date Letters of Competence (LoC) for the procedures undertaken or must have suitability to pursue the professional activity, including the ability to:

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- have appropriate treatment rooms for delivery of LARC as specified by FSRH latest clinical guidance, within each geographical PCN/ neighbourhood quadrant
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III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

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

Date

30 November 2024

Local time

11:55pm

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

English

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

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