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Planning

Kent Children & Young People's Therapeutic Alliance Market Engagement

NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.kentandmedway.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.kentandmedway.icb.nhs.uk/>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Kent Children & Young People's Therapeutic Alliance Market Engagement

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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Further to the previous pre-procurement market engagement events in November 2023 and February 2024, the Commissioner now intends to hold a virtual procurement market engagement event.

This event will be the formal opportunity for providers interested in delivering Children and Young People's Therapeutic Alliance Service in Kent to hear about the future contracting model. There will also be an overview of the competitive process that will take place and the indicative timescales. The contract term will be ten years, with a three-year extension option. The financial envelope will be discussed during the market engagement event.

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

- UKJ41 - Medway

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The Therapeutic Alliance will offer NICE-compliant, evidence-based, individual and group-based interventions to children and young people with predominantly moderate mental health and emotional wellbeing needs. In some cases, the Provider will support children and young people with more severe and enduring mental health needs as part of a multi-agency response / care plan.

A range of evidence-based and innovative support and interventions, including self-help support, will be offered to cater for children and young people's differing needs and preferences. Where appropriate, support will be provided to families. Evidence-based interventions will include:

- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) accredited creative therapies (examples being cooking, gardening, outward bound, arts, craft, drama, eco-therapies, music
- mentoring
- peer support sessions.

In addition, the Provider must offer a digital intervention offer that:

- is freely open to access
- is tailored for different age groups as appropriate
- is available out of hours (with some aspects available 24/7)
- has a high level of activity/supports a large number of children and young people
- includes peer support and forum functionality.

The virtual market engagement event will take place between 3:00pm and 4.00pm on

Tuesday 3rd December 2024.

Attendees will also be offered the opportunity to have individual follow-up meetings on 4th December 2024 with NHS Kent and Medway leads from teams including commissioning, procurement, and finance. Details of how to book these sessions will be made available following registration.

Upon registration and completion of the online questionnaire, a link to the virtual meeting will be provided. Some frequently asked questions will be available following registration.

II.2.14) Additional information

To register to attend the event and access further details please go to the following <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>, register on the system as appropriate, access project Ref No. C311818 'Kent Children & Young People's Therapeutic Alliance Market Engagement' and complete the short questionnaire to register your attendance. Please register by 5pm on 22nd November 2024.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 March 2025

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