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Contract

CN220350 (previously SC21032) Therapies - SEN, Adoption Support Service and VSK

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04cecd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Kent County Council

County Hall

Maidstone

ME141XQ

Contact

Jordan Gurr

Email

jordan.gurr@kent.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Local Authority

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CN220350 (previously SC21032) Therapies - SEN, Adoption Support Service and VSK

Reference number

DN757681

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Speech, Language and Communication Needs - Delivering Inclusion within the Curriculum for Education (DICE) Service : Tender Notice

Kent County Council is seeking to commission a Speech, Language and Communication Needs - Delivering Inclusion within the Curriculum for Education (DICE) Service, that supports children and young people in mainstream schools and across community settings, such as Family Hubs, during both term time and school holiday periods.

The service will hold a key role in supporting those children and young people who are either in mainstream schools and those who for various reasons are not attending school regularly (e.g. such as those home educated, non/low-school attendance, living in Refuges, etc) and have Speech and Language needs. This will be referred to as place-based settings.

This service will initially sit alongside the wider Community Services provided by the NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board (ICB) with an ambition for the services to be seamless provision to those accessing the Services.

The Balanced System® Framework is a framework for commissioning Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) for children and young people. The aim is to use the framework to understand, plan and evaluate services to support children and young people with SLCN within place-based settings across Kent. The Framework has been developed in line with both national policy and legislation, as well as professional guidance for Speech and Language Therapists, to deliver integrated services for children and young people.

Subject to acquiring approval, it is Kent County Council's intention to commission a Speech, Language and Communication Needs - Delivering Inclusion within the Curriculum for Education (DICE) Service, commencing 27 October 2025.

Service delivery will be in partnership and working with the wider stakeholders, including, but not limited to NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board (ICB), 12 District and Borough Councils, Medway Council.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

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: £13,020,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Key Criteria 1 - Quality and Innovation / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Key Criteria 2 - Mobilisation and Contract Resourcing / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Key Criteria 3 - Integration and Collaboration / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Key Criteria 4 - Improving access, reducing health inequalities, and facilitating choice / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Key Criteria 5 - Social Value / Weighting: 15

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

To ensure that the successful bid meets an acceptable standard, the quality score must be at least 50%. The Council will award the contract using the Value per Other Key Criteria Point evaluation method.

This method involves dividing the total price of the bid by the score achieved against the key criteria. The formula used is:

Value per Other Key Criteria Point = Price (£) / Key Criteria Score

Only bids that meet the minimum quality threshold will be considered. Among those, the bid with the lowest Value per Other Key Criteria Point will be ranked highest. This bidder will be selected as the Council's Preferred Supplier.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-030734](#)

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

1 September 2025

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

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

Trinity House 110/120 Upper Pemberton Eureka Business Park

Ashford

TN25 4AZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £13,020,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £13,020,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice through a Competitive Process. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

Procured under PSR Provider Selection Regime - Competitive Process - no option to select 'Competitive Process' in drop down menu.

Standstill period is due to end at midnight on 11 September 2025.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

www.kent.gov.uk

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

A standstill period of 8 working days will apply from the day after the publication of this notice. Concluding at midnight on 11 September 2025. During this period, representations may be made to the contracting authority using the contact details provided.

The contract will not be awarded until the standstill period has expired.