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Contract

# **CN250246 - Proposed Therapeutic Support Service for Children and Young People**

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

## I.1) Name and addresses

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**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.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

# I.5) Main activity

Health

# **Section II: Object**

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CN250246 - Proposed Therapeutic Support Service for Children and Young People

Reference number

DN759960

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 85323000 - Community health services

## II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

This is a notice following a competition under the Competitive Process under the Provider Selection Regime 2023.

The Council is looking to commission a Therapeutic Support Service ('the Service') to support children and young people aged 4-19 who have mild to moderate emotional wellbeing needs.

The national and local context calls for a refreshed system-wide approach within Kent, which is now underway. The Therapeutic Support Service will be a key element within a wider transformation programme being led by NHS Kent and Medway to deliver high quality, responsive and better-connected emotional wellbeing and mental health support for children and young people in the county. The system vision is for future Services to operate as a 'Mental Health Collaborative', underpinned by a set of contracts to be led by NHS Kent and Medway from 2025/6 onwards, providing specialist, education-based and therapeutic Services. This third element will be known as the 'Therapeutic Alliance', and will support children and young people with predominantly moderate emotional wellbeing and mental health needs.

The Council is commissioning the Service to complement the Therapeutic Alliance, by offering similar creative and therapeutic approaches, but which are tailored to meet mild to moderate needs and offer a preventative and early intervention model, rooted in the local community. Although this is being commissioned independently by the Council, it will share a common set of principles and values with the wider Therapeutic Alliance, to create a mutual framework for collaboration and partnership working between commissioners, Suppliers and stakeholders.

At the heart of this commission is the recognition that supporting children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health requires a partnership approach. Through our contribution to the wider county model, the Council will aim to create space for collaboration, strengthen connections between Services, and build resilience within families and communities so that more children and young people can receive the support they need at the earliest opportunity.

Our vision for the Service is that children and young people (CYP) aged 4 (from entry to Reception) up to their 19th birthday who are experiencing mild to moderate emotional wellbeing difficulties are able to access timely, flexible support that helps them to meet their goals through a choice of creative and therapeutically-informed support delivered as part of the Family Hub network and connected to their local community; in co-ordination with the emerging children's mental health Therapeutic Alliance in Kent.

#### 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: £12,064,736

#### II.2) Description

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

• 85323000 - Community health services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKJ4 - Kent

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Conflicts of interest were managed throughout the process and none were declared.

The award decision maker for this opportunity was the relevant Cabinet Member who delegated authority to the Director of Public Health.

It is expected the contract will commence on the 12th September 2025 and will continue for a period of 5 year(s) and 5 months (65 months) unless terminated in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Contract.

#### 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

## Section IV. Procedure

## **IV.1) Description**

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted 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: <u>2025/S 000-014495</u>

## Section V. Award of contract

#### **Contract No**

CN250246

#### Lot No

1

#### **Title**

CN250246 - Proposed Therapeutic Support Service for Children and Young People

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

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

10 September 2025

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

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

Project Salus CIC

Greenacres Barn Pound Lane

Ashford

**TN25 6RJ** 

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: £12,064,736

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

## VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

**United Kingdom**