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## **CN250453 - Practice Educators Service to Short Breaks**

Kent County Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

CN250453

### **Description**

The Practice Educator Service supports short breaks units across Kent who provide overnight care for children and young people with disabilities and complex health needs by providing specialist training for staff in the units. This enables the children and young people to have access to short breaks services in a residential setting. It is part of a wider suite of services within the Kent's Children's Specialist Nursing Services.

The KCC short break units provide children and young people, aged 5 -18 who have a diagnosis of a learning disability and/or severe global development delay with associated complex behaviours or needs, who are registered with a GP in Kent, a time away from their parents/carers and where they can access a range of social and recreational opportunities and experiences with appropriate support.

The Practice Educator service offer are provided at the five sites led by KCC Registered Managers and a team of support workers at:

Windchimes (Herne Bay)

Fairlawn (Ashford)

Bluebells (Maidstone)

Treetops (Dartford)

Sunrise (Southborough).

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## **Contract 1**

### **Supplier**

- KENT COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

### **Contract value**

- £252,699 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

26 January 2026

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 February 2026 to 31 January 2029

- 3 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 80320000 - Medical education services

## **Contract locations**

- UKJ4 - Kent

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## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

## **Special regime**

Light touch

## **Direct award justification**

Single supplier - technical reasons

Schedule 5 paragraph 6 - the following conditions are met in relation to the public contract  
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- (a) due to the absence of competitions for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and
- (b) there are no reasonable alternatives to these goods, services or works.

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## **Supplier**

### **KENT COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

- NHS Organisation Data Service: RYY
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVC-1716-LBDJ

Trinity House, 110/120 Upper Pemberton, Eureka Park, Kennington

Ashford

TN25 4AZ

United Kingdom

Email: [kentchft.procurementnotices@nhs.net](mailto:kentchft.procurementnotices@nhs.net)

Website: <http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/>

Region: UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

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## Contracting authority

### Kent County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLDL-8938-YGYW

County Hall

Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

United Kingdom

Email: [cpd-peopleteam@kent.gov.uk](mailto:cpd-peopleteam@kent.gov.uk)

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

Region: UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government