**Suicide Prevention Training Workshops**

In accordance with the [2021-25 Kent and Medway Suicide Prevention Strategy](http://www.kent.gov.uk/suicideprevention), Kent County Council (KCC) is working with the NHS Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to find an organisation or consortium of organisations to deliver suicide prevention training across Kent and Medway.

Two types of training should be offered throughout the lifetime of the contract;

* Suicide Prevention Training 3hr workshops aimed at people (16+) supporting adults.
* Suicide Prevention Training 3hr workshops aimed at people (16+) supporting children and young people

The ultimate goal of this suicide prevention training programme is to reduce deaths lost to suicide. This is realistic goal if three objectives are achieved with delegates who participate in training;

* Increased awareness of suicide prevention issues and techniques
* Increased confidence to speak to someone who may be at risk of suicide
* Increased awareness of the available services within Kent and Medway

KCC is looking for an organisation(s) that has a track record of successfully delivering similar services and is able to develop and deliver bespoke courses to support the outcomes above as well as addressing particular priority areas or issues that are relevant in the local context. They will also be required to promote the local support services.

Nationally available, “off the shelf” training products will not be considered unless they have the flexibility to explore local issues and promote local services.

A blended offer of virtual and face to face training is required, and the provider will be expected to monitor and report on the impact of the training against the three objectives above.

It is the Council’s intention to award a contract for delivery commencing in October 2021 and the contract running until 31 March 2024 (approximately 30 months). There will be an optional extension of up to three years depending on available funding (36 months).

The maximum contract value is up to £240,000 comprised of 40,000 per annum for 3 years and an estimated £40,000 per annum for subsequent years.

The Invitation to tender will be advertised via the Kent Business Portal in August and the deadline for tender submissions expected to be early September 2021.