

Market Position Statement July 2026

Subject: Kent Domestic Abuse Market Position Statement – KIDAS & KIFDAS

Dear colleagues,

We are writing to provide an update on the Kent Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (KIDAS) and our ongoing recommissioning activity. Alongside this update, we have published a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document which should be read in conjunction with this Market Position Statement. The FAQ provides additional detail and clarification on key areas of the proposed service model and reflects feedback received through recent market engagement activity. Together, these documents set out the current position and should be considered collectively. All information provided at this stage is indicative and subject to change. Final requirements will be confirmed within the formal procurement documentation.

To enable the continuation of a strong partnership approach and an integrated service model across Kent, additional time is required to ensure that the complexities of delivering a multi-partner funded and commissioned service are fully reflected and aligned within the future model. In addition, given the scale and complexity of the service, it is essential that sufficient time is built in to support a robust and safe mobilisation and transition to the new arrangements, ensuring continuity of provision and no disruption to victims and survivors accessing support. As a result, the current KIDAS contract has been formally extended until **31 January 2028**. This extension aims to provide stability and continuity for victims and survivors, as well as support for the sector during the transition to new service arrangements. The Council will continue to account for Local Government Reorganisation and respond flexibly to any changes in governance, commissioning or partnership arrangements. The timeline remains flexible, and we will continue to keep the market informed as further updates become available.

With coproduction at the forefront of the new service, the extensive feedback received through market engagement and specification consultation has been carefully considered and has informed the development of the new Kent Integrated Family Domestic Abuse Service (KIFDAS) specifications, which are now in their final stages. At this stage of the process, the specifications will not be re-shared due to commercial sensitivity.

We have collated a selection of frequently asked questions (attached) from the specification feedback groups, with the intention of providing further clarity and insight into how feedback has informed the development of the final specifications. We would like to thank providers, not only for their expertise, but for their continued engagement and cooperation throughout this period and reiterate our commitment to maintaining strong collaborative working relationships as we move towards procurement.

Please be reminded to ensure your organisation is registered on both the [Kent Business Portal](#) and the [Find a Tender Service \(FTS\)](#). Registration will ensure you receive notifications of all future procurement opportunities, market engagement activity and updates relating to the **Kent Integrated Family Domestic Abuse Service (KIFDAS)**.

Further updates will be shared in due course.

Kind regards, Rachel Westlake, Senior Commissioner