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Contract

## **Infant Feeding Peer Support Service**

Hartlepool Borough Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

OPEN28012026092036

### **Description**

Hartlepool Borough Council was successful in securing Family Hubs funding from the Department of Education as part of the initiative to help improve health and education outcomes for children and families in England. Infant feeding was identified as one of the key priorities.

HBC used the allocated funding to commission NCT to deliver an Infant Feeding Peer Support service to local families (OPEN06062025103119). NCT staff have been working in partnership with local community groups to promote breastfeeding and they now have Peer Supporters attending North Tees hospital wards. The service has been well received and is having a positive impact on feeding rates for the town. The current contract is due to end on 31st March 2026 as this aligned with the original Family Hubs funding term.

Further grant funding via Family Hubs has been secured.

This contract serves as an extension to extend the existing contract with NCT for a further 12 months, until 31st March 2027. This will enable families to continue accessing support services thus improving Hartlepool's breastfeeding rates. It will also allow us time to prepare key documents to re-tender the service for a longer period, incorporating the revised DHSE / DfE expectations once this has been determined (expected around April 2026) leaving no time to conduct a procurement exercise to cover this extended contract period.

This contract is exempt from HBC's Contract Procedure Rules.

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## **Contract 1. Infant Feeding Peer Support Service**

### **Supplier**

- The National Childbirth Trust (NCT)

### **Contract value**

- £56,000 excluding VAT
- £67,200 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Date signed**

28 January 2026

### **Contract dates**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- 1 year

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 33692210 - Parenteral feeding solutions
- 85100000 - Health services

## **Contract locations**

- UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - without competition

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## **Supplier**

**The National Childbirth Trust (NCT)**

- Charity Commission (England and Wales): 801395

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Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Hartlepool Borough Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTCQ-5564-CHJP

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Hartlepool

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government