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Tender

Oral Health Improvement Service

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

DN787942

Description

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council is looking to procure for Oral Health Improvement Service.

Oral health is vital to overall wellbeing, enabling people to eat, speak, and socialise confidently. Poor oral health can cause pain and is linked to conditions such as pneumonia, diabetes, heart disease, and stroke. Despite being largely preventable, dental disease remains a significant issue, with clear social inequalities. In Blackburn with Darwen, many residents experience poor oral health throughout life.

The new service will be tiered according to available funding. The new core service (tier 1), funded by the public health grant, will maintain a preventative focus for children and young people, in line with national guidance and current local OHI strategy. It will also extend support to vulnerable adults and older adults in care homes, reflecting Blackburn with Darwen's life course approach. The second tier, expected to be funded by the ICB,

will provide additionality to the core service by extending the offer to a greater number of settings, children and families. The service will work with individuals, partner agencies and communities to deliver an OHI programme that meets local needs. The service should be flexible and proactive to identify opportunities for promoting good oral health for all family members, of all ages. This will play a key role in improving the oral health of Blackburn with Darwen residents and reduce known oral health inequalities in the borough.

Please ensure all submissions are in Word format.

Total value (estimated)

- £749,150 excluding VAT
- £898,980 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2029
- Possible extension to 31 July 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Extension to the service provided in the previous years.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKD41 - Blackburn with Darwen

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Suppliers will need to have the legal and financial capacity to fulfill the requirements of the contract.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Suppliers will need to have the technical ability to fulfill the requirements of the contract.

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

13 February 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

27 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://procontract.due-north.com/register>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 June 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Oral Health Improvement Service	Social Value 15% Method statements (questions) 80% Price 5%	Quality	100.00%

Other information

Payment terms

To be arranged.

Description of risks to contract performance

Included in service specification.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government