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Planning

Children's Occupational Therapy Service

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

Town Hall, Victoria Square

Bolton

BL1 1RU

Email

corporate.procurement@bolton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD36 - Greater Manchester North West

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Children's Occupational Therapy Service

Reference number

TC086

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Children's Occupational Therapy Service provides assessment, intervention, support, and advice to children and young people with disabilities or impairments that affect their ability to participate in everyday activities. The service aims to help them reach their full potential.

The service currently accepts referrals from professionals across education (including early years settings), health and social care for children & young people aged 0-18 years (or up to 19 years if considered clinically appropriate) who are registered with a Bolton GP. This includes the need for home adaptations, and equipment both at home and in the educational setting.

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This service is only available for children who are residents of the Bolton Borough. Provision includes, but is not limited to:

- Specialist seating for positioning, feeding and access to the curriculum/play at home,

and nursery or school

- Specialist equipment for nighttime positioning
- Bathing or showering needs
- Toileting needs
- Play and hand skill development
- Development of self-care skills such as dressing or feeding
- Specific moving and handling advice
- Recommendations for minor or major adaptations to the home environment or school environment to enable access

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

4 November 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Bolton Foundation Trust, as the incumbent provider, has consistently met the required standards for delivering the Children's Occupational Service over a number of years.

The Trust demonstrates strong performance and collaboration with Bolton's Independent Living Service. They are fully engaged, with clear communication and positive working relationships. The Bolton Foundation Trust are also aligned with Bolton's strategic priorities for children supporting the best start to life, as well as achieving long term goals, for children to live as independently as possible with a good education. They reach out into the Bolton communities from health settings, educational setting and home settings, to provide the child and the family/carer the support they need as part of the Childrens and Family Act. The Bolton Foundation Trust are integrated with NHS, meaning they have all access/knowledge to the correct systems and processes, to allow fast mobilisation at short notice. The service has been shown to provide good value for money in the running of the service, which has been recognised from option appraisal processes.

Following a desktop review, no alternative local provider has been identified with the capacity, cross-sector reach, and readiness to deliver the service within the required timescales.

In accordance with Procurement Services Regulations (PSR) Most Suitable Provider, the authority intends to enter contract negotiations with the existing provider, with changes to the service as appropriate.