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Planning

Public Mental Wellbeing Programme - Community Bereavement Support Service for Children and Families (Lot 1); Community Bereavement Support Service for Adults (Lot 2)

Blackburn With Darwen Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

URN185

Description

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council is looking to procure two Community Bereavement Support Services and is holding online pre-market engagement events on Monday 12th January 2026.

These engagement events aim to develop a clearer understanding of the market and gather insight into supplier capabilities, innovations, and delivery models for the provision of bereavement support services in Blackburn with Darwen.

The sessions will also support providers in understanding procurement requirements and

will help inform the development of value-driven service specifications.

The engagement events will cover the following separate service areas:

1) Children and Families Bereavement Support Service (Lot 1)

2) Adults' Bereavement Support Service (Lot 2)

Each service will be discussed in a separate engagement session. Suppliers are welcome to attend either session or both, depending on their areas of interest, skills, and expertise.

BACKGROUND

The intended aims of both proposed services would be to provide low level emotional and practical support to those who have been bereaved; reducing stigma, supporting them to grieve, and preventing the escalation of distress by offering early intervention.

Both lots will be delivered independently but remain connected to Blackburn with Darwen's wider Public Mental Wellbeing Programme, complementing two existing contracted services already being delivered:

(1) Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training and Engagement

(2) Men's Mental Wellbeing Service

MEETING INFORMATION

The pre-market engagement events will be held ONLINE on Microsoft Teams on Monday 12th January 2026. The times will be as follows:

- Children and Families = 11:00-12:00
- Adults = 13:00-14:00

If you would like to attend either or both online meetings, please complete the relevant registration form:

- Children and Families = <https://forms.office.com/e/qHZ6zhWktN>
- Adults Bereavement Service = <https://forms.office.com/e/1Qz5SJwSKb>

Once registered, you will be sent a MS Teams invite in advance of the meeting, with joining instructions included.

Each attendee who wishes to attend should register individually.

Registration closes at 12:00 noon on Friday 9th January 2026.

Total value (estimated)

- £540,000 excluding VAT
- £648,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85323000 - Community health services

Contract locations

- UKD41 - Blackburn with Darwen
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

12 January 2026

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

26 January 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Blackburn With Darwen Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYGR-1856-CVXM

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government