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Contract

Childrens Occupational Therapy

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05fd61

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

Town Hall, Victoria Square

Bolton

BL11RU

Email

corporate.procurement@bolton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

Childrens Occupational Therapy

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.

Provision of equipment is delivered in collaboration with:

- Bolton Council's Independent Living Service - for all minor home adaptations costing under £1000 and equipment
- Bolton at Home's Care and Repair Service - for adaptations over the value of £1000 that would be eligible under the Disabled Facilities Grants.

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.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £693,475

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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Details of how you have come to the decision to award to this provider

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.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Most suitable provider process with regard to the key criteria / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Most suitable provider process with regard to the key criteria 100% / Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 23:59, 8 January 2026. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

TC086

Title

Childrens Occupational Therapy

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bolton NHS Foundation Trust

The Royal Bolton Hospital, Minerva Road, Farnworth

Bolton

BL4 0JR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £693,475

Total value of the contract/lot: £693,475

Section VI. Complementary information

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Declarations of Conflict Forms were completed by all individuals involved in the decisions about the provider selection. No conflicts of interest were declared.

The award decision makers are members of the Start Well and Independent living service Teams.

The submission was assessed and the provider selected against the following key criteria :

- Quality and innovation
- Value
- Integration, collaboration, and service sustainability
- Improving access, reducing health inequalities, and facilitating choice
- Social value

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>