

Support for Looked After Children in Bolton

Consultation Prior to Placement

To contact someone in Bolton to discuss a potential placement email childrenscommissioning@bolton.gov.uk with brief details and a contact number and one of our social care professionals will contact you.

Notification of New, Changing or Ending Placement

To make a notification of a new, changing or ending placement please complete the appropriate form found [here](#) and email it to lac.notifications@bolton.gov.uk.

Education Services

School Admissions

Details of how to apply for a primary or secondary school place can be found [here](#).

Virtual Schools and College

Information on Bolton's Virtual Schools can be found [here](#).

Early Years, Childcare and Nursery Provision

To locate a childminder or childcare provider close to the placement you can use [this tool](#).

Start Well Children's Centres

A wide range of activities and family support services are available at our Start Well Children's Centres. Further details can be accessed [here](#).

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Assessment team contact details and process downloads are available [here](#).

Bolton's SEND Local Offer is available [here](#).

Children in Care Council

Bolton's Children in Care Council is called Voice4U and can be contacted at voice4u@bolton.gov.uk.

Advocacy Services

Bolton Commission [Action for Children](#) to provide advocacy services for children and young people.

Local Authority Designated Officer

Further details of Bolton's LADO and our procedures for managing allegations can be found [here](#). If the subject of the referral works in Bolton we would expect our LADO to take the lead.

Youth Offending

[Complex Safeguarding and Youth Justice](#) works with young people aged 10 – 17 and their families or carers.

Health Services

Universal Health Services

To find a GP near to the placement, use [this tool](#).

Similarly, a dental practice can be found using [this tool](#).

Designated Doctor and Nurse

The Designated Doctor for Looked After Children is Dr Val Coupes from Bolton NHS Foundation Trust, Tel: 01204 463464.

The ICB employs the Designated Nurse for Looked After Children, Rhianne Robinson-Parsons, who can be contacted on 01204 463390.

Mental Health Services

Details of Bolton's CAHMS service and how to make a referral can be [found here](#).

Adolescent Health Services

[The Parallel](#) Young People's Health Centre offers an adolescent health service for young people aged 11 to 18 including sexual health services.

Drug Alcohol Services

[360](#) is a substance misuse service for young people under 18 working with young people, their families, and carers in

Children's and Young Peoples Activities

Bolton provides a variety of play and youth activities for children and young people from the age of 4 through to 19. Further details on what's on offer can be found [here](#).

Information, Advice and Guidance

Details of Bolton Connexions service and the services offered can be found [here](#).

Safeguarding Children who go missing from placement

We would expect that social workers from the placing authority complete and maintain a risk assessment and actions to be taken in the event that children placed in Bolton are absent or missing.

Workers and agencies in Bolton follow and comply with the [Greater Manchester Safeguarding Partnership policy on children who run away or go missing](#).

Child Exploitation

If you have any concerns about a child or young person you are placing in the borough being at risk of exploitation please contact EXIT, Bolton's Child Sexual Exploitation Team for advice. Contact details can be found [here](#).

Bolton Safeguarding Children's Board

Our Safeguarding Children's Board [website](#) contains links to a range of contacts and resources that you may find useful.