

Support for Looked After Children in Bolton

Consultation Prior to Placement

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 (SEND)

The 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 VoiceAbility to provide advocacy services for children and young people. They can be contacted at helpline@voiceability.org.

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

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, who can be contacted on 01204 463504.

The Designated Nurse for Looked After Children is Rhianna 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 Service offers an adolescent health service for young people aged 11 to 19, including sexual health services.

Drug and Alcohol Services

Bolton 360° is a substance misuse service for young people aged up to age 19, their families, and carers. They can be contacted at ALWCH.360info@nhs.net

Children's and Young Peoples Activities

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

Career Information, Advice and Guidance

Details of the Connexions service and the information, advice and guidance 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, with actions to be undertaken if a child (or children) placed in Bolton are absent or missing. Workers and agencies in Bolton follow and comply with the [Joint Protocol for Children and Young People Missing from Home and Care](#)

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 PHOENIX EXIT, Bolton's Child Sexual Exploitation Team for advice. Contact details can be found [here](#).

Bolton Safeguarding Children Partnership (BSCP)

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