

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 email 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](#).

Children's Centres

A wide range of activities and family support services are available at our 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

[Bolton Youth Offending Team](#) 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

Bolton CCG employs the Designated Nurse for Looked After Children, Christine Dixon, who can be contacted on 01204 462000

- **Mental Health Services**

Details of Bolton's CAMHS 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 and Alcohol Services**

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

Children and Young People's 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 of 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 Sexual Exploitation

If you have any concerns about a child or young person you are placing in the borough being at risk of child sexual exploitation please contact PHOENIX 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.