

Bolton at Home Switch with the Help of Consortium Procurement

The Northern Housing Consortium has developed a framework for the installation and maintenance of digital aerial systems. Through the Digital Aerial Upgrade Framework, Consortium members can procure the services they require without the need for any formal competition, secure in the knowledge that the Consortium has followed all necessary steps to provide an efficient, cost effective, accessible solution. Avonline are one of the six contractors who were successfully appointed to the Consortium's framework, following the OJEU-compliant process.

Bolton at Home have now appointed Avonline to install an IRS system in 1305 dwellings situated in blocks of 3 storeys and above. Avonline commenced on site in September 2007 and Bolton at Home are delighted with the work carried out so far. Carole Daniels, Liaison Officer at Bolton at Home, said *"The Northern Housing Consortium has enabled Bolton at Home, together with other members, to explore all the available options and choose a contractor that will provide Best Value for our customers in the most practical way. NHC provided a neutral body to ensure that all members have not only the protection of an agreed schedule of rates but the continuity of support from each other by the collecting and sharing of information. So far I am impressed with Avonline (our chosen Contractor). Their expertise and experience has enabled them to forward plan efficiently and they have got off to a flying start. Despite the odd set back the predicted installations numbers are well on target."*

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