

Post adoption services include counselling, assistance to adoptees to trace the origin, adoptive family and support and management of post adoption letterbox and other contact arrangements

To find out more

You can find out about the quality of the services we offer by viewing the Care Inspectorate reports

You can also write to:

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ADOPTION SERVICE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES



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What do we do?

We aim to provide a service to all parties affected by adoption which meets their individual needs.

Children

When children are looked after and accommodated by the local authority and cannot return to their family, we assess their needs, including health, education and development, and where adoption is appropriate, prepare them to join an adoptive family, which where possible, reflects their cultural, religious and linguistic background.

We seek to involve the child in the preparation of this plan and introductions to a new family , in a manner which is responsive to their age and stage of development .

We aim to have the plan agreed within the prescribed timescales.

We promote ongoing contact, either face to face or by other means, between the child and significant other from their past, where this is in the child's best interest.

Parents

We seek to involve parents and ascertain their views when adoption is the recommended plan for their child. We will achieve this through their attendance at, and contribution to, looked after and accommodated child reviews and the meeting with an independent Adoption Social Worker prior to the Permanence and Adoption Panel.

Parents views will be sought on their cultural, religious and linguistic preferences for the child's upbringing.

We aim to offer advice and counselling to parents whose children will be placed with adoptive parents.

Prospective Adopters

We provide information on the needs of children, the range of adoption service , the criteria of eligibility, the assessment and approval process for domestic and inter-country adoption.

We aim to provide preparation groups, including the opportunity to learn from adoptive parents.

We fully engage prospective adopters in the assessment process and will ensure that they are advised of any concerns as they arise.

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