

Support Services for Birth Families



Support for you and members of your family

The Adoption Support Service provides a Birth Relatives' Outreach Worker (known as a BROW worker) who can provide information and support for anyone who has had a child or young person placed outside their birth family, i.e. a young person who has been adopted.

As a birth parent or family member (grandparent, aunt/uncle, etc) you may have lots of different questions about how these arrangements will affect you and your child.

Is there a plan for your child to be adopted?

If there is a plan for your child to be adopted it can often feel confusing trying to understand what is happening during this time, especially if adoption is not something you want to happen.

The service has a Birth Relatives' Outreach Worker (BROW) who can support you during this time and who can listen to your fears and answer any questions you may have.

The BROW worker can come to your home or meet you at a suitable venue so you can talk together.

If a child in your family has already been adopted

If a child in your family has been adopted and you are finding it difficult to cope with your feelings or you have questions a BROW worker can help and support you.

It can be very difficult to cope with your feelings of grief and loss and talking to our qualified counsellor may help. They can see you in your own home or at an agreed venue. This can give you the opportunity to talk confidentially about your feelings.

Making contact with an adopted child after they reach 18 years of age

If you are a birth parent or relative of a child that has been adopted and you are thinking about contacting the

child once they have reached 18 years of age we may be able to advise and assist you with this process.

Adoption Support Services are available to you at ANY time no matter how long ago your child was adopted.

Useful Telephone numbers

Post Adoption Centre (PAC)

5 Torriano Mews

Torriano Avenue

London NW5 2RZ

Tel: 020 7284 0555

Website: postadoptioncentre.org.uk

General Register Office & adoption contact register

General Register Office

Identity and Passport Service

Trafalgar Road

Southport

Merseyside PR8 2HH

Tel: 0300 123 1837

Website: www.gov.uk/adoption-records

Cambridgeshire County Council

Scott House

5 George Street

Huntingdon

Cambs PE29 3AD

Tel: 0345 045 5200

Website: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Coram Cambridgeshire Adoption

Lincoln House, The Paddocks Business Centre, 2nd Floor, Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge, CB1 8DH.

Tel: 0300 123 1093

Email: enquiries@coramcambridgeshireadoption.org.uk

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