**Adoption Medical Pathway**

Any child who may be adopted needs to have their health and their parent’s health reviewed by the Adoption Medical Advisor. In the majority of cases this will mean that the child needs a comprehensive health assessment.

For this to happen, the Social Worker needs to follow the Pathway within the allotted timescales. For urgent cases the SW will contact directly the AMA secretary. **Parents need to be aware of the adoption medical assessment taking place and are welcome to attend the appointment with the Medical Advisor (they will be seen separately at the end of the medical examination).** They will need to complete the relevant BAAF forms with the support of the SW before the appointment:

* Consent form to access and share health information relevant to a looked after child and their birth parent
* BAAF Form PH (report on health of birth parent)
* BAAF Family Medical History Form

The child’s Social Worker contacts Adoption Medical Advisor (AMA) secretary requesting an adoption medical. This will need to be 6 weeks before the complete adoption medical is required.

If the adoption medical is required urgently the Social Worker needs to contact the AMA secretary immediately

The Social Worker will confirm within 48 hours that the Social Worker, child and current carer and, where possible, the parents can attend the appointment

The health assessment is completed and the AMA will complete and return the adoption medical report within 1 week of the appointment.

The Social Worker will arrange for the forms to be completed (details on the back of the appointment letter) and return all the forms to the AMA at least 3 weeks before the adoption medical. If all the paperwork is not received within this timescale the appointment may be postponed.

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The AMA’s secretary will send an appointment letter to the child’s Social Worker with a list of information required and the appropriate forms