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# BIRTH RELATIVE SUPPORT SERVICE

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& Confidential



We offer support to birth family members  
when Permanence is planned for your child



## The Birth Family Support Service

This service offers birth relatives the opportunity to talk openly about adoption and be able to ask any questions you may have.

You may be feeling sad and anxious. You may also find it difficult to explain how you are feeling about the situation and may not want to discuss this with your child's social worker.

If you talk to us, our service is confidential and we will not be telling your child's social worker what we have discussed unless there is a safety risk.

If you don't want to use this service now, please keep this leaflet in case you change your mind later on.

## What we can do

- ◆ **Listen**  
To your feelings about adoption on the telephone or face to face.
- ◆ **Explain**  
Things you may want to know but have not been able to ask.
- ◆ **Support**  
You at various meetings that you might find particularly difficult or emotional
- ◆ **Make links**  
With other people who have had similar experiences or can support you.
- ◆ **Advice**  
About what you are entitled to as a birth parent or relative

## What we are not able to do

- ◆ **Change**  
The plan that social services have made.
- ◆ **Offer Legal**  
Advice - you need to see a solicitor for this.
- ◆ **Long term**  
Counselling.

If you have any questions or just want to talk anything through, then please

- ◆ Phone us
- ◆ Ask your child's social worker to contact us

Fill in the form on this leaflet and we will contact you.

I would like to make contact with the Birth Relative Support Service

Name: .....

Write to me at: .....

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Phone me on this number: .....

The best time to phone me is: .....

Text me on my mobile: .....

Please send this to

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