

**LEGAL ADVICE
TO AGENCY DECISION MAKER (ADM) REGARDING “SHOULD BE
PLACED FOR ADOPTION” (SBPA) PLANS
JANUARY 2013**

Process

SW

Sends this form to the allocated solicitor as part of the preparation for the LAC Review considering the permanence plan along with, either on this form, or in the accompanying e mail:

- Date legal advice sought
- Date of LAC Review
- Deadline for paperwork for the decision making meeting

Allocated Solicitor

Provides written advice to the SW about the proposed SBPA plan, either by adding it to this form, or in an e mail, with reference to the headings below.

AND sends a copy of the advice to the adoption clerks Lynn Thorley/Tim Stockwell.

SW

Sends the advice, along with the other documents required by the ADM to the Adoption Team clerks.

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1. Current or previous court proceedings and name of court.
2. Any dates for Issues Resolution Hearing/Final Hearing, and of any previous court orders.
3. Assessments undertaken by CSC and their conclusions (including of parents and family/friends)
4. Expert assessments.
 - Brief details of any assessments sought or directed by the court.
 - Whether any such assessments were joint assessments/assessments requested by the LA/other parties
 - Conclusions of the assessments
 - Whether there are any assessments that have not yet been completed.
5. Any other relevant information which may affect an adoption plan.
6. The allocated solicitor's view about the appropriateness of an SBPA decision at this time.

Advice given by:

Date: