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# **Equal opportunities**

PAC-UK is committed to providing a service based on racial equality and equal opportunities. It has an ethnically and culturally diverse staff.

If you have a concern about the ethnicity or gender of your counsellor PAC-UK will do its best to accommodate your request.

PAC-UK operates service user evaluation and complaints procedures.

#### PAC-UK

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# First Family Service

Is your child no longer with you or is there a chance this may happen?

Free advice and support for birth mothers, fathers & relatives











PAC-UK provides specialist therapy, advice, support, counselling and training for all affected by adoption and permanency.

PAC-UK helps thousands of people each year. Some of them are birth parents or other birth relatives, some are adoptive parents and some are adopted adults.

PAC-UK is a charity and is not part of social services or any government organisation.

- ✓ We know how traumatic losing a child can be.
- ✓ We know that you will always be family to your child.
- ✓ We aim to help you keep a child in the future if you want to.

# Advice Line 0113 230 2100

Mon. Thurs & Fri 10.00am - 1.00pm

Tues & Wed 4.00pm - 7.00pm

PAC-UK offices and Advice Lines are not staffed on public holidays.

# Email firstfamily@pac-uk.org

Website www.pac-uk.org



#### PAC-UK Staff

PAC-UK's counsellors are professionally qualified in counselling/psychotherapy, psychology and/or social work and have a wide range of experience and training in all aspects of Birth Family support.

Counselling staff are supported by external professional supervisors and administrative staff.







### First Family Service Action Line

PAC-UK's First Family Service has its own web page at www.pac-uk.org/firstfamily that provides you with more information on the services we offer.

Alternatively, call our confidential Advice Line 0113 230 2100 or email firstfamily@pac-uk.org and we will respond to your request at the earliest possible opportunity.

The PAC-UK Advice Line opening hours are listed on the opposite page.



## PAC-UK's First Family Service can:

- Listen to your story and how you are feeling about your child's adoption.
- Explain the often confusing process of adoption and what that means for you and your child -now and in the future.
- ✓ Help write a letterbox letter. Most people find the first one particularly difficult.
- ✓ Help you to write a letter for your child for when they are older explaining what happened and how you feel about it.
- ✓ Let you know how other parents like yourself feel. We run friendly support groups in some areas.
- ✓ Look at the reasons your child was removed and what you can do to keep a future child if you want to.
- ✓ Meet with you in a convenient place and discuss what is most helpful to you. What you say is confidential.

Email firstfamily@pac-uk.org or visit the First Family page on the PAC-UK website for more information www.pac-uk.org/firstfamily