

## **BCT CASS/MASH Safeguarding Protocol & Adoption Support**

Adoption does not have statutory involvement with families. Post Adoption is a service that works in agreement with parents providing support to families.

The Post Adoption service is a self-referral service.

Where statutory involvement is required this should be dealt with via CASS/MASH.

Safeguarding services should carry out their assessment and decide whether the enquiry is a S47 enquiry or a S17 enquiry.

Adoption alone is not a reason to refer to the Post Adoption Service

(see Post Adoption Support Service Referral Criteria).

CASS worker should manage the referral in the same way as any other referral

If a child is adopted and Safeguarding receive a referral they can contact the post adoption duty service for advice and information on: dutypostadoptionsupport@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk