

Are you involved in writing Child Permanency Reports for adoption?



Then you need to be aware that independent support is available to birth parents whose child has a plan for adoption.

The Adoption Regulations require the Adoption Agency to provide support to birth parents.

After Adoption are the BCT contracted agency that provide independent support to birth parents of Birmingham children. Support provided includes:

- Engaging with birth parents to offer support during the adoption process.
- Explaining what adoption means for them and their children.
- Helping the birth parent to better understand and deal with feelings of loss, grief and anger.
- Supporting birth parents to contribute to their child's permanency report and life story work.
- Supporting birth parents to meet the prospective adopters.
- Assisting birth parents to understand the importance of letter box contact and offering assistance to write letters.

Support is provided by telephone or one to one meetings at After Adoption office or other appropriate location.

Referrals to After Adoption should be made when an adoption plan for permanency has been agreed. You will need to have explained the support available with the birth parent and had their agreement for their details to be shared with After Adoption so that they can engage with After Adoption. **Without this agreement we are unable to refer birth parents. This discussion should be recorded on the case notes on CareFirst. The independent support for birth parent service request.docm referral form can be found on CareFirst, by finding the birth parent, select the eForms menu, select **carefirst outputs other**, select 'CYPF CIC Social Worker'. This form needs to be completed by the Child's Social Worker and sent to A&Fpanelminutes@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk. It is vital that the birth parents contact phone numbers are completed on this form so that After Adoption are able to make contact with them.** Referrals can be made earlier than at ADM plan stage if the birth parent requires support relating to adoption. This can be done via the referral form or directly to BirthTies on 0800 840 2020 or www.birth-ties.org.uk. (BirthTies is the name of the telephone service provision)



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