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Introduction

The Adoption and Children Act 2002 represents the most radical overhaul of adoption law for 26 years, replacing the outdated Adoption Act 1976 and modernising the entire legal framework for domestic and intercountry adoption. It has brought in many changes that are intended to help improve adoption services for children and their families by birth and adoption.

For the first time, the legislation recognises the needs of birth relatives who want the opportunity to let their adult adopted relative know of their interest for contact.

Although some adoption agencies have provided intermediary services for birth relatives for many years, the availability and the extent of the services offered has remained something of a post code lottery. There has also been inconsistent practice and no national regulated standards and safeguards. The changes to the law have therefore been welcomed by many of those affected by adoption, and adoption specialists, as it means that all people will be able to access a service, regardless of where they live.

In order that this new provision – **Section 98 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002** – be implemented smoothly, the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) in England and Welsh Assembly Government decided to fund the Intermediary Services Support Project (ISSP). The first year of this three-year project has been managed by the British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF).

The primary purpose of the Intermediary Services Support Project in its first year was to provide a national picture of available services in England and Wales by:

- surveying all local authorities, voluntary adoption agencies and independent adoption support agencies by questionnaire to identify the services they provide and enquire about their future plans;
- establishing where intermediary services for birth relatives currently exist and where there are gaps;
- compiling a directory to inform agencies and people affected by adoption about accessing services.

This directory of intermediary support services for birth relatives is the result of this mapping exercise. It is the first directory of its kind, and will play a valuable role in helping people gain access to a much-needed service.

FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE DIRECTORY

This Directory has been divided into three sections. The first section, which draws in part on the findings from the survey, has been written to answer frequently asked questions and to give people more information about the recent changes in legislation and the service they should expect to receive. The second section provides information on every local authority, voluntary adoption agency, adoption support agency and independent adoption support agency in England and Wales, how to contact them and the services they provide. The third section provides information about other useful resources and a reading list.

Local authorities and voluntary adoption agencies, adoption support agencies and independent adoption support agencies have been divided into two sections. The agencies appear in alphabetical order and an index contains a full listing of the different agencies by page number. Each agency has provided the information for their own entry in the Directory. The entries are correct at the time of going to press, but we are conscious that staff movement and office relocations will mean that it will be correct for a limited period.

We hope you will find the directory useful. It may be updated in the future so if you have any corrections, comments or suggestions about how it can be improved, please send these to:

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Intermediary services for birth relatives – questions and answers

This section answers some of the most commonly asked questions by people who want to access intermediary services for birth relatives. You may have others that are more specific to you. Do write these down so that you can obtain the answers you need when you contact the agency you have chosen to provide an intermediary service.

ACCESS TO A SERVICE

What is an intermediary service?

An intermediary is a person or an organisation that acts as a go-between for two or more people. In relation to adoption, an intermediary service usually means the role played by an agency when a request is received from an adopted person or their birth relative to approach the other party. This can be with a view to passing on or requesting information, and may lead to indirect or direct contact. Adopted people can access identifying information from their original birth certificate and adoption records. When it is the birth relative of an adopted person who is requesting an intermediary service, the adoption agency is not allowed to give the birth relative any information that will or might identify an adopted person, but the agency can use the information it holds to locate the adopted person and make an approach to establish if the adopted person is willing to provide or exchange information.

What does the law say?

Under Section 98 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (England and Wales), birth relatives of an adopted adult, and adopted people themselves, now have the legal right to ask an adoption agency to provide an intermediary service so that they can let the adopted relative or birth relative know of their wish for communication and contact.

This new law comes into effect from September 2005 and it will be introduced in two phases; the provision depends on the precise date on which the adoption order was made. If the adoption order was made on and before 12 November 1975, the first phase will apply. The second phase will cover those adoptions made on or after 13 November 1975.

There is no statutory requirement for adoption agencies to provide an intermediary service. In those cases where the adoption agency cannot provide a service, it will point you to an agency that can.

Why did the law change?

A number of things have influenced the change in the legislation.

A previous change in the law that happened in 1975 gave all adopted adults the right to apply for a copy of their original birth certificate and information about which agencies might have been involved in their adoption. This meant that they had the opportunity to receive information about their background and search for birth relatives if they so wished.

Opening the adoption records for adopted people provided a greater understanding of the lifelong issues of adoption and how they affect adopted people and also birth relatives. It was through the provision of intermediary services for adopted people that adoption workers learned so much more about the views and feelings of birth parents and other birth relatives.

Many birth relatives, particularly birth mothers, have spoken out about their need to know what has happened to the child they placed for adoption. For over a decade, certain adoption agencies have actively responded by extending their services to include enquiries from birth mothers and other birth relatives. Although birth relatives did not have a comparable right to information as the adopted person had, agencies were willing to initiate enquiries on their behalf. However, the availability of services was inconsistent throughout England and Wales so the law has changed to make sure that, no matter where a person lives, they will be able to access an intermediary service.

A study first published by The Children's Society (Howe and Feast, 2000, republished by BAAF in 2004) also provided information about how non-searching adopted people felt about being contacted by an adoption agency on behalf of a birth relative. The research showed that the majority of adopted people thought that it was right for them to be told about a birth relative's enquiry, so that they could make up their own minds about how they wanted to respond. Ninety per cent of the adopted people who were approached went on to have some form of contact with the birth relative. Eighty per cent said that the contact had helped to answer important questions and they were pleased to have had the opportunity to be in touch with a birth relative.

Who can provide a service?

A local authority, voluntary adoption agency or registered adoption support agency can offer intermediary services for birth relatives, although the extent to which they can do so will depend on what the agency is in a position to offer. However, all agencies should be able to advise you about how to take your enquiries forward, even if they cannot provide the services themselves. As already explained, there is no statutory requirement for adoption agencies to provide a service.

You may find that the agency you approach contracts out some or all of its services to another agency, for example, to an adoption support agency. This is more usual in the case of local authorities. Such arrangements should be explained to you when you make your initial enquiry.

How do I choose where to go to?

Some people prefer to contact the agency that arranged the adoption, particularly as they should still hold the records and often these are very helpful for getting in touch with the adopted person you are wanting to pass information to or meet. It is also possible that information from the adopted person to a birth relative may be held on file.

However, this is not always possible. For example:

- the agency has closed (see below);
- you cannot remember the agency's name;
- you would prefer not to be back in touch with the agency that arranged the adoption;
- no agency was involved these situations are referred to as private adoptions (see below);
- you may live a long way from the agency.

If any of these situations apply to you or if you prefer to go to an agency that was not involved in the adoption, then there are a number of organisations that can advise and help you. (There may be an adoption support agency in your area.) The local authority in which you live will also be able to advise on the availability of services, even if they were not involved in the adoption and are unable to provide a service themselves.

What services might I be offered?

Broadly speaking, intermediary services are likely to include some or all of the following.

 The opportunity to discuss your situation with a professionally qualified worker or a specially trained volunteer who will understand the impact that adoption has had on your life. You will be able to explore what outcome renewed communication and/or contact will have for you and the other people involved, and to consider what the outcome may be for everyone.

- Non-identifying information the majority of agencies in our recent survey were willing to provide information from the records which would not identify the adoptive family but would help to answer some of the questions the birth relative may have. It may also be possible to have some idea of what has happened to the adopted person in the intervening years if they have been back in touch with the agency.
- The opportunity for you to leave information on the records of the adopted person. Again, agencies are usually willing to provide this service and to pass the information on if and when the adopted person makes an approach.
- The chance to search for the adopted person following the new legislation, agencies will either provide this service themselves or signpost you to an adoption support agency.
- The chance to make an approach to the adopted adult to find out if she/he wishes to respond to the enquiry from the birth relative.
- Support and advice following contact and reunion for all those involved.
- Links with a support group not every agency will provide this service but they are likely to have knowledge of what exists locally and nationally.

Will the records still exist?

In most cases where an agency has arranged the adoption, records will exist. However, it was not until 1975 that the law required adoption agencies to keep their records for at least 75 years. This means that some records may have been wholly or partially destroyed or just be "missing". Records, whether held electronically or on paper, are also vulnerable to various forms of deterioration. In situations where the adoption was arranged privately, it is less likely that background information exists. However, in some instances, documents that were necessary for the court to make an adoption order may have survived. The agency you are in touch with will be able to advise you more about this.

What other information may exist?

When an adoption order has been made it is recorded on the Adopted Children's Register. This register is held at the General Registrar's Office and is confidential and not available to the public. The information held on this register links the birth name and the adoptive name of the person adopted and also the court where the order was granted. Only registered bodies can access this information.

What if I am having difficulty finding the agency that placed my child?

This could be because the adoption agency has closed. During the 1970s a lot of the voluntary agencies that previously played a major part in arranging adoptions ceased to operate or exist, or changed direction and took on different types of work. However, if the agency closed, then by law they had to make arrangements for the safe keeping of their adoption records. Often they would be passed to the local authority in their area or on to another voluntary agency. When a voluntary adoption agency continues to exist but no longer actively provides an adoption service, it is more than likely that they would have retained responsibilities for their records and have kept them in their archive.

Sometimes it is difficult to find the agency because they have changed their name. For example, in the case of local authorities, this may have happened when boundaries were redrawn and large counties or cities were split into smaller administrative areas. Voluntary adoption agencies may also have had different names over the years. An invaluable resource published by BAAF, *Where to Find Adoption Records* (Stafford, 2001), provides a full listing service of where adoption records are currently held. If you are unsure where to start your enquiries, asking advice from an adoption support agency or the adoption service of the local authority in which you live could be a useful first step.

What happens if the adoption was arranged privately?

As explained above, there is always information to enable links to be made from the person's birth name to their adoptive name. This information is kept at the General Registrar's Office. Furthermore, there are a number of agencies which can assist you with your enquiries, in particular, adoption support agencies.

Do I have to produce evidence of my relationship?

Yes. The agency that is working with you will need to verify your identity and relationship to the adopted person you are seeking. This can be particularly difficult for fathers who are not named on the adopted person's birth certificate or even in the adoption agency records. If you do not know the agency that arranged the adoption of your son or daughter or if the adoption was arranged privately (see above), adoption support agencies should be able to offer advice.

What happens if I live abroad?

If you live abroad this should not deter you from making an enquiry. Agencies can liaise with each other, although it may be a more complex process, for instance, to establish your identity if you cannot meet in person with a social worker in England or Wales. Again, if you know the agency that arranged the adoption then contact them and they will be able to suggest ways in which they can assist in providing you with the advice and information you need. Alternatively, an adoption support agency should be in a position to give general guidance. Although sometimes things are more complicated because of language or distance, it can also be because the legislation is different, for example, in Scotland and southern Ireland.

What if my child was brought to the UK for adoption?

Specialist agencies exist, such as the Overseas Adoption Helpline, that can advise about how best you can be helped if your son or daughter was brought to England or Wales for adoption.

Is it just birth parents who can ask for a service?

No, the new legislation makes it possible for any birth relative to request an intermediary service. This means that siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles can also request a service. However, if you are a birth relative requesting an intermediary service independently of the birth parents, it is important that you have the opportunity to discuss the implications this may have for them and the adopted person. This is particularly important if one or both of them have indicated that they have no wish to have contact with the adopted person. The agency would then use its discretion as to whether it is appropriate to contact the adopted person at this time.

Who is a birth relative?

In the 2002 Act, the definition of a birth relative is *any person who is related to the adopted person by blood, including half blood or marriage.* As already mentioned, you would need to have some proof of your relationship to the adopted person.

RECEIVING A SERVICE

How long will I have to wait?

It is difficult to be precise because it will depend on demand and the resources available in the agency you have chosen. From a recent survey we know that the majority of agencies operate a waiting list, although most people do not have to wait longer than three months for the first consultation.

Will I have to pay?

This is a useful question to ask the agency when you first make your enquiry. There are heavy resource implications for some aspects of an intermediary service, particularly in relation to searching for the adopted person's current whereabouts. Once the legislation comes into force and the demand for this service increases, it is likely that agencies will have to make a charge even if they do not already do so. However, this should not stop you from making your enquiry and taking matters forward as special arrangements may be possible for those on low incomes.

What if I have a disability? Is additional assistance available?

Yes, all agencies should have an Equal Opportunities Policy and the facilities and resources to provide a service which meets the needs of people with a disability. The term "disability" can be interpreted widely to include difficulties with reading, writing, mobility, problems with mental and physical health, welfare and learning difficulties.

What about issues of language and culture?

Agencies should respond appropriately to all users of their services, for example, with regards to the need for translation and interpretation. Again this will be addressed within their Equal Opportunities Policy.

Will I see qualified and experienced staff?

Yes. Our recent survey showed that intermediary services are almost exclusively provided by professionally qualified staff with a good knowledge and understanding of adoption, search and reunion. Volunteers, some of whom may have personal experience of adoption or a professional qualification, may also participate in delivering the service, and usually they will have received special training. After the Act is implemented, intermediary services will only be provided by adoption agencies and adoption support agencies that are inspected and registered. There will be national standards in place about what is expected of a person's qualification and/or experience, so this means that you should expect to see someone with the appropriate qualification and experience.

Is the service confidential?

The service is confidential but very exceptionally a situation may arise which gives cause for concern about someone's health and safety. The agency you are in touch with can explain the policy and procedures they have in relation to confidentiality. If you want to keep private the fact that you are receiving a service (for example, you may not want correspondence sent to your home address), discuss this with the agency when you first approach them and ask for the necessary arrangements to be made.

Can the adopted person always be found?

Not always. Sometimes it may be impossible to find somebody, or an agency may not have the resources to pursue the search beyond a certain point. Sometimes the search ends up with learning that the adopted person has died or is very unwell. Your worker will discuss such possibilities with you.

What can I do if my son or daughter does not want to have contact with me?

It can be very distressing if this happens, particularly if you have been longing for contact for many years. However, it is important not to put the adopted person under undue pressure. They need to have the space and time to make their own decisions about whether or not they want to respond positively to your request. Hearing from you may have been very unsettling for them and they may not feel ready to have contact. If this does happen to you, perhaps you can take some comfort in knowing that they are now aware of your interest and wish to have contact and therefore may take a different view in the future.

Does every agency give the same service?

The availability of resources and agency policies may differ, and this can affect the service you receive. A major variation shown by our survey related to the age an adopted person needs to have reached before the agency agrees to approach them on behalf of a birth relative. Some agencies will not contact an adopted person until they are 25 years and over, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Others may approach the adopted person at the age of 18, but via his or her adoptive parents. Some agencies have special panels set up to advise on particular situations and help them to reach a decision about the best way forward. It is also worth bearing in mind that policies may change, and our survey showed that many agencies were reviewing their services and rewriting their policies and procedures.

Could I be refused an intermediary service?

Yes. There is no obligation on a registered adoption support agency to provide a service, although it must act in a way that is consistent with its "statement of purpose" under the National Minimum Standards for adoption support agencies. Local authorities have a duty to assess the need for adoption support services of, among others, adopted adults and their birth parents and former guardians living in the local authority's area, but there is no obligation to provide a particular service to any individual. Some voluntary agencies may only be able to provide a service if the adoption was arranged through them. However, they will still be able to advise you of where to obtain a service if they are not able to help you themselves.

What can I do if I am refused an intermediary service?

All registered adoption agencies, registered adoption support agencies and all local authorities are required to have a complaints procedure which they make available to users of their services. You could make use of this procedure, and you may be able to complain also to the Commission for Social Care Inspection / National Assembly for Wales, which has regulatory responsibility for inspecting against the National Minimum Standards. In the case of a local authority, you may be able to make an approach to your local councillor and, if you consider the case to have been mismanaged, you may be able to make a complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman who investigates allegations of maladministration.

Can I meet other people in the same situation?

There are many self-help and support groups which link people by phone, by email or in person. We have listed national organisations at the back of this directory but it is always a good idea to ask the agency that is helping you about what exists locally.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

Why go to a registered agency?

It is important to request a service from an agency that you know has been registered and inspected for this purpose. It indicates that the agency meets the Government's standards and will provide good quality services. Unregistered agencies will not have a detailed understanding of the competing needs and wishes of persons separated by adoption or knowledge of the unique issues raised by adoption, contact and reunion.

What if I feel I have not had a good service?

As mentioned previously, all registered agencies are required to have a complaints procedure and to work within carefully prescribed guidelines. Details of how to make a complaint should be made available when you first contact the agency.

What about using a private investigator?

As the law stands, private investigators and agencies that have not been registered for this purpose will not have access in the same way to the crucial information needed to link a birth relative with an adopted person. If you decide to explore other routes and use an agency or private investigator that is not registered, then be aware of the cost you may incur, their working practices in respect of confidentiality and the level of their experience of this complex area of work.

What is the Adoption Contact Register?

The Adoption Contact Register came into existence in 1991 and is located at the General Registrar's Office. The purpose of the Register is to help adopted people and their birth relatives to let each other know of their interest to have contact. However, not many people seem to know about it and therefore the number of people linking up with each other using the Register has been small.

Are there any other Contact Registers?

Yes, NORCAP has had an adoption contact register in operation for many years and has put thousands of people in touch with one another. There are also contact registers in existence in Scotland and Northern Ireland. The addresses and contact details for these registers are listed at the back of the Directory.

What can I do if I do not want to be contacted?

The Adoption and Children Act 2002 enhances the Register so that an applicant can specify with whom he or she desires contact, or the applicant can specify the person with whom he or she does not want contact. This means that, once the new law comes into operation, adopted people and birth relatives will be able to make their wish for "no contact" to be registered on the Adoption Contact Register. This means that birth relatives who want to make contact with an adopted relative can be informed if the latter does not want contact. The regulations and guidance are still to be published, so until that time, we do not know what the exact procedures will be. For more information about the Adoption Contact Register, look at the useful addresses section in this Directory.

Is it a good idea to try and get in contact?

In every situation there can be benefits and drawbacks, and it is important that you have had the opportunity to consider these with an experienced worker. Things that birth relatives have said it is important to consider include:

- how your enquiries will affect other people in your family and the family of the adopted person;
- the expectations you have about contact;
- what your hopes and fears are for the future;
- what if it all goes wrong?
- what if the person doesn't want to know you?
- will they know they are adopted?
- what do they know about you?
- have they made any enquires?

How do reunions work out?

There is no way of knowing about the outcome of all reunions, but we do have information from various research studies. A consistent theme is that people do not regret taking their enquiries forward even if things do not work out exactly as they had hoped. The majority of adopted people report how contact and reunion have helped them to answer important questions about their background and to have a greater sense of identity (Feast and Philpot, 2003). Many continue to develop strong friendships whilst others peter out as time goes by. No two reunions are alike. People experience a range of emotions and face different issues along the way. It is therefore worth bearing in mind that you or other people affected by reunion may benefit from ongoing support from the agency, or from others who have had this experience.

Are reunions different if the birth relative has made the approach?

They can be. Some adopted people are really taken aback by the news that a birth relative wants to have contact. It may be something they had not really thought about and are not ready for. In these situations it is important that the adopted person is given as much time as they need to think about if and how they want to take the enquiry forward.

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Listings of **local authority**

intermediary support services in **England**

Barking & Dagenham, London Borough of

Address	Social Services Department Children & Families Division Placement Services 512a Heathway Dagenham Essex RM10 7SL	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8227 5854	
Email address Website address	pauline.phillips@lbbd.gov.uk www.lbbd.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Pauline Phillips Adoption Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes Yes Varies Varies
Notes on services provided		
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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Barnet, Londor	n Borough of	Local Authority
Address	Adoption Team 6th Floor, Barnet House 1255 High Road London N20 0EJ	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8359 5705	
Email address Website address	adoption@barnet.gov.uk www.barnet.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Jenny Belsham Adoption Team Manager	
Services provided	CounsellingProviding non-identifying information	Yes Yes

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Yes

Yes

Yes

	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		
Barnslev Metropo	olitan Borough Council Local Aut	hority
Barnsley metrop		nonity
Address	Adoption and Fostering Unit, Ground Floor, Wellington House, 36 Wellington Street	

• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file

• Undertake a search for the adopted person

• Facilitate a reunion

Barnsley Me

Address	Adoption and Fostering Unit, Ground Floor, Wellington House, 36 Wellington Street Barnsley South Yorkshire S70 1WA	
Telephone number Fax number	01226 772329	
Email address Website address	vivienstuart@barnsley.gov.uk www.barnsley.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Vivien Stuart Adoption and Permanence Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Varies Yes No Yes Yes Yes Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (Yorkshire) provides counselling, search and intermediary set	rvices
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Bath and North East Somerset Council

Address	Family Placement Team Social & Housing Services PO Box 3343 Bath BA1 2ZH	
Telephone number Fax number	01225 395334	
Email address Website address	sarah_acheson@bathnes.gov.uk www.bathnes.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Sarah Acheson Senior Practitioner	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	NK NK Varies NK Yes Varies NK NK
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Have a service level agreement with SWAN for adoption support services, m which is used by adoptees or birth relatives.	uch of
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	NK NK NK
Notes on services provided Notes on services for birth		

Bedfordshire County Council

relatives living abroad

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Address	Social Services Department Adoption Support Team Houghton Lodge, Houghton Close, Off Oliver Street Ampthill Beds MK42 2TG	
Telephone number Fax number	01525 840543	
Email address Website address	mcdaida@sccd.bedfordshire.gov.uk www.bedfordshire.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Alison McDaid Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	Yes Yes Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Varies Yes Varies Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Support groups and some counselling.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	 Intermediary services 	Varies
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Bexley Council	Local Auth	ority
Address	Children's Placement Service Howbury Centre Slade Green Road Erith Kent DA8 2HX	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8303 7777	
Email address Website address	simon.strong@bexley.gov.uk www.bexley.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Simon Strong Social Worker	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Yes Varies No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Birmingham City Council

Address	Adoption Service Beechenhurst 10 Serpentine Road Selly Park Birmingham B29 7HU	
Telephone number Fax number	0121 303 1029	
Email address Website address	Helen_J_French@birmingham.gov.uk www.birmingham.gov.uk/adoptionandfostering	
Contact person Position	Helen French Operations Manager, Adoption	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No No Yes Varies No No No Varies
Are services contracted out?	Varies – Some to Adoption Support (working across the Midlands).	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

relatives living abroad

Address	Social Services Department Jubilee House, 1 Jubilee Street Blackburn BB1 1ET	
Telephone number Fax number	01254 587621	
Email address Website address	karen.barrick@blackburn.gov.uk www.blackburn.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Karen Barrick Adoption Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Varie 	s s

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	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	No
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
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Blackpool Borough Council Local Authority Address Social Services Department Progress House Clifton Road Blackpool FY4 4US **Telephone number** 01253 477886 Fax number **Email address** mandy.williams@blackpool.gov.uk Website address www.blackpool.gov.uk **Contact person Mandy Williams** Position Team Manager – Adoption Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes • Undertake a search for the adopted person Varies • Facilitate a reunion • Varies Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Yes • Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Varies • Post-reunion support Varies • Support groups No Are services contracted out? Yes - Have a service level agreement with After Adoption. Services for birth relatives living abroad Advice on how/where to seek counselling Yes • Non-identifying information Yes Intermediary services Yes • Refer to NORCAP • Yes Notes on services provided Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad Services for birth relatives living abroad are usually via another agency.

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

Address	Social Services Department	
	The Woodlands	
	Manchester Road	
	Bolton	
	Lancashire BL3 2PQ	
Telephone number Fax number	01204 337481	
Email address	nick.robinson@bolton.gov.uk	
Website address	www.bolton.gov.uk	
Contact person	Nick Robinson	
Position	Team Leader	
Services provided	Counselling	Yes
•	Providing non-identifying information	Yes
•	Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
•	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Varies
•	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
•	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Varies
•	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
•	Post-reunion support	Yes
•	Support groups	Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Service level agreement with After Adoption.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	NK
•	Non-identifying information	NK
•	Intermediary services	NK
•	Refer to NORCAP	NK
Notes on services provided		
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Bournemouth Borough Council

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Address	Adoption Team 27 Slades Farm Road Ensbury Park Bournemouth BH10 4ES
Telephone number	01202 456743
Fax number	01202 456719
Email address	heather.freeman@bournemouth.gov.uk
Website address	www.bournemouth.gov.uk
Contact person	Heather Freeman
Position	Team Manager – Adoption Services
Services provided	 Counselling Yes Providing non-identifying information Varies Eacility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Varies

• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Varies

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Varies Yes Varies Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Have recently entered into a service level agreement with SWAN for some	services.
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes No Yes Yes
Notes on services provided	Bournemouth does not hold adoption records prior to 1997 (held by Dorset Co.	Council).
Notes on services for birth		

Bracknell Forest Borough Council

relatives living abroad

Address	Social Services and Housing Department Time Square, Market Street Bracknell Berks RG12 1JD	
Telephone number Fax number	01344 424642	
Email address Website address	family.placement@bracknell-forest.gov.uk www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Duty Officer, Family Placement	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No Yes Varies Varies Varies Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Some services are carried out as part of a consortium within Berkshire.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		
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Bradford (City of) Metropolitan District Council

Address	Adoption & Fostering Unit 35 Saltaire Road	
	Shipley West Yorkshire BD18 3HH	
Telephone number	01274 434809	
Fax number	01274 434344	
Email address Website address	www.bradford.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Adoption Service Access Point	
Services provided	Counselling	Yes
	Providing non-identifying information	Yes
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Yes
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (Yorkshire)	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		

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Brent, London Borough of

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Address	Brent Family Placements Services Triangle House 328–330 High Road Wembley Middlesex HA9 6AZ	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8937 4542 020 8937 4468	
Email address Website address	Rose.Wallace@brent.gov.uk www.brent.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Rose Wallace Birth Record Counsellor	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	Yes Yes Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Varies Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

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Brighton and Hove City Council

Address	253 Preston Road Brighton BN1 6SE	
Telephone number Fax number	01273 295444	
Email address Website address	www.brighton-hove.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Gillian Luckock Practice Manager, Adoption Support	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No Yes Varies Yes Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Varies – e.g. post-reunion group. NORCAP do search.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided	Post Adoption Centre provides post-reunion support.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Bristol City Council

Address	Social Services Department Family Placement – Permanency Team Avon Vale Road Redfield Bristol BS5 9RH	
Telephone number Fax number	0117 954 8560	
Email address Website address	sophie-slingsby@bristol-city.gov.uk www.bristol-city.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Sophie Slingsby Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – SWAN	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No Yes No
Notes on services provided		

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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Bromley, London Borough of

Address Social Services Department Joseph Lancaster Hall Civic Centre, Rafford Way Bromley Kent BR1 3UH 020 8313 4185 **Telephone number** Fax number **Email address** ruth.olding@bromley.gov.uk Website address www.bromley.gov.uk **Contact person Ruth Olding** Position Senior Practitioner Services provided Counselling Yes Providing non-identifying information • No

	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Yes
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	No
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Yes
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Buckinghamshire County Council

Address	Social Services Department Bucks Adoption Support Services County Hall, Walton Street Aylesbury Bucks HP20 1YU	
Telephone number Fax number	01296 387956	
Email address Website address		
Contact person Position	Louise Grant Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No – Use NORCAP to locate people not immediately locatable by team.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Bury, Metropolitan Borough of

Address	Social Services Department				
	Family Placement Department				
	18–20 St Mary's Place				
	Bury				
	Lancashire BL9 0DZ				
Telephone number	0161 253 5457				
Fax number	0161 762 0574				
Email address	J.Holden@bury.gov.uk or m.I.rowbottom@bury.gov.uk				
Website address	www.bury.gov.uk				
Contact person	Jane Holden or Michelle Rowbottom				
Position	Team Manager, Adoption/Adoption Support Social Worker				
Services provided	Counselling	Yes			
	Providing non-identifying information	Yes			
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes			
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	No			
	Facilitate a reunion	No			
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes			
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies			
	Post-reunion support	No			
	Support groups	No			
Are services contracted out?	No				
Services for birth relatives					
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	No			
	Non-identifying information	Yes			
	Intermediary services	No			
	Refer to NORCAP	No			
Notes on services provided					

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Calderdale, Metropolitan Borough of

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Address	Adoption Team Ovenden Hall Ovenden Road Halifax HX3 5QG	
Telephone number Fax number	01422 363561	
Email address Website address	sue.robinson-clarke@calderdale.gov.uk www.calderdale.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Sue Robinson Clarke Adoption Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	Yes Yes Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Have a service level agreement with After Adoption (Yorkshire) who princi undertake schedule 51 counselling. However, can request other pieces of work.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided	Support groups being developed.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Cambridgeshire County Council

Address	Social Services Department 18–20 Signet Court, Swann's Road Cambridge CB5 8LA				
Telephone number Fax number	01223 718417				
mail address stephanie.bishop@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Vebsite address www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk					
Contact person Position	Stephanie Bishop Policy & Practice Standards Manager/Adoption				
Services provided	Counselling	Yes			
	 Providing non-identifying information 	Yes			
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes			
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Varies			
	Facilitate a reunion	Varies			
	• Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry	Varies			
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies			
	Post-reunion support	Yes			
	• Support groups	No			
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Most services provided in house but also have a contract with After Adoptic	on.			
Services for birth relatives					
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes			
	Non-identifying information	Yes			
	Intermediary services	No			
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes			
Notes on services provided	Will contact the adoptive parent to inform them of a birth relative enquiry if the adopted person is aged 18–24 years.				
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad					

Camden, London Borough of

Address	Permanent Placements Team Gospel Oak Office 115 Wellesley Road London NW5 4PA	
Telephone number Fax number	020 7974 6165	
Email address Website address	Val.forrest@camden.gov.uk www.camden.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Val Forrest Senior Practitioner – Adoption Support	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Varies – Not for intermediary services but counselling support at point of identific of adoption for a child is now contracted out for birth relatives.	ation
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Cheshire County Council Local Authority Address Social Services Department Adoption Team Lorien Darnhall School Lane Winsford Cheshire CN7 1JR **Telephone number** 01606 815666 Fax number **Email address** Pat.Cater@cheshire.gov.uk Website address www.cheshire.gov.uk **Contact person** Sue Browne or Terri Tallis Position Social Workers Services provided Counselling Yes •

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	Providing non-identifying information	Yes
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	e Yes
	Undertake a search for the adopted person	Varies
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	• Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Yes
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	No – Ceased contract with After Adoption in November 2003.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	Nc
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided	Additional contact person: Annette Butler, Team Manager.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Address Adoption and Family Finding Unit 13 Treyew Road Truro Cornwall TR1 2BY **Telephone number** 01872 270251 Fax number **Email address** creed@cornwall.gov.uk Website address **Contact person Colin Reed** County Resource Manager Position Services provided Counselling • Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file • Undertake a search for the adopted person • Facilitate a reunion • Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry • Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry • Post-reunion support • Support groups • Are services contracted out?

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Cornwall County Council

Advice on how/where to seek counselling • NK Non-identifying information NK • Intermediary services NK Refer to NORCAP NK •

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Corporation of London

relatives living abroad

Address	Community Services Department PO Box 270 Guildhall London EC2P 2EJ	
Telephone number Fax number	020 7332 1224	
Email address Website address	janice.o'rorke@corpoflondon.gov.uk www.corpoflondon.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Janice O'Rorke Social Worker	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No No No No No
Are services contracted out?	No – But any work of this nature that comes via community sources at Corporation of London will be passed to worker at London Metropolitan Archives.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided Notes on services for birth		

Local Authority

Coventry City C	Council Local Autho	ority
Address	Children & Families Placement Service Stoke House Lloyd Crescent Coventry CV2 5NY	
Telephone number Fax number	02476 659009	
Email address Website address	sue.goy@coventry.gov.uk www.coventry.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Sue Goy Adoption Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Yes Yes Yes No

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	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – they would either provide the service themselves or refer to Adoption Sup (decision made in relation to whether are already familiar with the adoption and and resources available). If no available address, always refer to Adoption Suppo	l time
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
•	Non-identifying information	Yes
•	Intermediary services	No
•	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

Provide advice on how/where to seek counselling for birth parents living abroad.

Croydon, London Borough of

relatives living abroad

relatives living abroad

Address	Social Services Department Fostering & Adoption Services Room 4.06 (Fell Road) Taberner House, Park Lane Croydon CR9 2BA	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8686 4433 extension 63707	
Email address Website address	sue.noonan@croydon.gov.uk www.croydon.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Sue Noonan Adoption Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Yes Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

Cumbria County Council

Address	Social Services Department Adoption Unit 3–5 Alfred Street North Carlisle CA1 1PX	
Telephone number Fax number	01228 607138	
Email address Website address	jill.greaves@cumbriacc.gov.uk www.cumbriacc.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Jill Greaves Adoption Support Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes NK NK
Are services contracted out?	Yes – with After Adoption.	
	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes No
Notes on services provided	After Adoption searches for the adopted person, facilitates the reunion, contacts the adoptive parent or adopted person.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad	After Adoption also provides non-identifying information and intermediary services for birth relatives living abroad.	5

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Darlington Borough Council

Address	Social Services Department Adoption Team Central House Gladstone Street Darlington Co Durham DL3 6JX	
Telephone number Fax number	01325 346452	
Email address Website address	pam.norgroves@darlington.gov.uk www.darlington.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Pam Norgroves Senior Practitioner, Adoption	
Services provided	CounsellingProviding non-identifying information	NK NK

	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	NK
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	NK
	Facilitate a reunion	NK
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	NK
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	NK
	Post-reunion support	NK
	Support groups	NK
Are services contracted out?		NK
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	NK
	Non-identifying information	NK
	Intermediary services	NK
	Refer to NORCAP	NK
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

Derby City Council

relatives living abroad

Address	Social Services Department Perth Street Chaddesden Derby DE21 6XX	
Telephone number Fax number	01332 717777 01332 717747	
Email address Website address	linda.towle@derby.gov.uk www.derby.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Linda Towle Adoption Support Service Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Varies Yes Varies Varies Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Varies Varies Varies Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad
Derbyshire County Council

Address	Social Services Department Central Adoption Team County Hall Matlock Derbyshire DE4 3AG	
Telephone number Fax number	01629 580000	
Email address Website address	gwen.roe@derbyshire.gov.uk www.derbyshire.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Gwen Roe Adoption and Fostering Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	NK NK NK NK NK NK
Are services contracted out?	NK	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	NK NK NK
Notes on services provided		
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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Devon County (Council Local Autho	ority
Address	Social Services Department Adoption Unit Parkers Barn Parkers Way Totnes TQ9 5UF	
Telephone number Fax number	01392 386644	
Email address Website address	jonathan.hepworth@devon.gov.uk www.devon.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Jonathan Hepworth Group Manager – Adoption	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	Yes Yes Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No Yes No Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – SWAN for some services but not for services related to adopted adults and relatives.	their
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council

relatives living abroad

Address	Social Services Department PO Box 251 The Council House College Road Doncaster South Yorkshire DN1 3DA	
Telephone number Fax number	01302 737845	
Email address Website address	lynda.hill@doncaster.gov.uk www.doncaster.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Lynda Hill Service Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No Yes No No No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No No Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

Dorset County Council

Telephone number Fax number	
Email address Website address	
Contact person Position	
Services provided	•
	Fax number Email address Website address Contact person Position

Address Telephone number	County Hall Colliton Park Dorchester Dorset DT1 1XJ 01305 224389
Fax number	
Email address Website address	countyhallsocialcare@dorsetcc.gov.uk www.dorsetcc.gov.uk
Contact person Position	Peter Todd Policy Officer – Looked After Children
Services provided	Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups
Are services contracted out?	No
Services for birth relatives living abroad •	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP
Notes on services provided	

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Address

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Social Services Directorate Ednam House 1 St. James's Road Dudley West Midlands DY1 3JJ 01384 815891 www.dudley.gov.uk **Nick Parkes** Service Manager Counselling

- Providing non-identifying information
- Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file •
- Undertake a search for the adopted person •

No No

Yes No Yes No Yes No No Yes Yes

Yes No No No

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Yes No

	• Facilitate a reunion	No
	• Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry	No
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	No
	Post-reunion support	No
	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Adoption Support.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	No
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Durham County Council

Address Social Care and Health Durham Resource Centre Littleburn Business Centre Mill Road Langley Moor County Durham DH7 8ET 0191 706113 **Telephone number** Fax number Email address maureen.coleman@durham.gov.uk Website address www.durham.gov.uk **Contact person Maureen Coleman** Position Senior Practitioner (Adoption Support) Services provided • Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes • Undertake a search for the adopted person No Facilitate a reunion No • Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry • No Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry No • Post-reunion support No • Support groups No Are services contracted out? Yes – as an extra to own services – After Adoption. Services for birth relatives living abroad Advice on how/where to seek counselling Yes • Non-identifying information Yes • Intermediary services Yes Refer to NORCAP Yes Notes on services provided

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Ealing, London Borough of

Address	Fostering & Adoption 3rd Floor North Ealing Town Hall Annexe London W5 2BY	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8825 5035	
Email address Website address	daviesma@ealing.gov.uk www.ealing.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Maggie Davies Senior Social Worker – Adoption Support	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Varies Yes Yes Varies Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Subscribers to Post Adoption Centre – Level 2.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes Varies Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		

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East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Address

Social Services Department 31/31A Lairgate Beverley East Yorkshire HU17 8ET

01482 396673

Telephone number Fax number

Email address Website address

Contact person Position

Services provided

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	01482 396642	
	ian.wilson@eastriding.gov.uk www.eastriding.gov.uk	
	Ian Wilson Adoption Team Leader	
•	Counselling	Yes
•	Providing non-identifying information	Yes
•	Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
•	Undertake a search for the adopted person	Varies

	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (Yorkshire)	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	No
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

East Sussex County Council Address Social Services Department

	6th Floor, St. Mary's House	
	52 St. Leonards Road	
	Eastbourne	
	East Sussex BN21 3UU	
Telephone number Fax number	01323 747154	
Email address	Bridget.Gallagher@eastsussexcc.gov.uk	
Website address	www.eastsussexcc.gov.uk	
Contact person	Bridget Gallagher	
Position	Practice Manager Adoption Support	
Services provided	• Counselling	Yes
	 Providing non-identifying information 	Yes
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	No
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	• Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry	NK
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	NK
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Enfield, London Borough of

Address	Social Services Department Southgate Town Hall Green Lanes Palmers Green London N13 4XD	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8379 2846	
Email address Website address	morris.linton@enfield.gov.uk www.enfield.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Morris Linton Deputy Manager, Adoption Support Team	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		
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Essex County Council Local A		ority
Address	Central Adoption Team Eckard House Easton Road Witham Essex CM8 2DW	
Telephone number Fax number	01376 516767	
Email address Website address	jo.ward@essexcc.gov.uk www.essexcc.gov	
Contact person Position	Jo Ward Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	Yes Yes Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
•	Post-reunion support	Yes
•	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
•	Non-identifying information	Yes
•	Intermediary services	Yes
•	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided	Limited search for the adopted person. Will contact the adopted person directly t inform them of a birth relative enquiry depending on the age of the adopted pers	
Notes on services for birth		

Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council

relatives living abroad

Address	Children's Services, Civic Buildings	
	Prince Consort Road	
	Gateshead	
	Tyne & Wear NE8 4HJ	
Telephone number Fax number	0191 433 3000	
Email address Website address	giuliana.montixi@gateshead.gov.uk www.gateshead.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Giuliana Montixi Senior Practitioner	
Services provided	Counselling	No
	 Providing non-identifying information 	No
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	No
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	No
	Facilitate a reunion	No
	• Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry	No
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	No
	Post-reunion support	No
	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	No – However, have a service level agreement with After Adoption who will provid service and charge individuals for it.	e this
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		
relatives living abroad		

Gloucestershire County Council

Address	Adoption Team Sandford Park House 39–41 London Road Cheltenham Gloucs GL52 6XJ	
Telephone number Fax number	01242 532668	
Email address Website address	celia.balbernie@gloucestershire.gov.uk www.gloucestershire.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Celia Balbernie Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No Yes No No No No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – This work is done by SWAN on their behalf. Use a non-disclosure agreement.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No No No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

Greenwich, London Borough of

relatives living abroad

Address	Adoption Team 147 Powis Street Woolwich London SE18 6JL	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8921 2752	
Email address Website address	florence.mo@greenwich.gov.uk www.greenwichkids.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Florence Mo Adoption Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Yes Yes Yes Yes

	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Hackney, London Borough of

Address	Social Services Department	
	205 Morning Lane	
	London E9 GJX	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8356 6273	
Email address Website address	annie.wells@hackney.gov.uk www.hackneykids.org.uk	
Contact person	Annie Wells	
Position	Post Adoption Worker	
Services provided	Counselling	Yes
	 Providing non-identifying information 	Yes
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Yes
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Yes
	Post-reunion support	No
	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Some counselling.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Halton Borough Council

Address	Adoption & Fostering Service 2nd Floor, Grosvenor House Halton Lea Runcorn WA7 2ED	
Telephone number Fax number	01928 704360	
Email address Website address	Ann.Towey@halton-borough.gov.uk www.halton-borough.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Ann Towey Principal Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (in addition to some in-house provision).	
	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes Yes No No
Notes on services provided		

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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Hammersmith & Fulham, London Borough of

Address Social Services Department Family Placement Unit 2nd Floor, Barclay House Effie Road Fulham London SW6 1EN 020 8753 2322 **Telephone number** Fax number **Email address** louise.emile@lbhf.gov.uk Website address www.lbhf.gov.uk **Contact person Louise Emile** Position Team Manager Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information No • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file • Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Varies Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption provides post-adoption services for Hammersmith & Fulha current contract includes intermediary services for birth relatives.	m and
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Hampshire County Council

relatives living abroad

Address	County Adoption Services Glen House, Glen Road Swanwick Southampton SO31 7HD	
Telephone number Fax number	01489 587543 01489 575594	
Email address Website address	adoption.services@hants.gov.uk www.hants.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Sally Magee Commissioning Officer – Post Adoption	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided	Although address is in Southampton, covers Hampshire only and not the city of Southampton.	
Notes on services for birth		

Haringey, London Borough of

Address	Adoption Team 4th Floor 40 Cumberland Road London N22 7SG	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8489 3285	
Email address Website address	val.forrest@haringey.gov.uk www.haringey.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Valerie Forrest Team Manager – Post Adoption Service	
	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Post Adoption Centre takes on some of the work in the team.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided	Search for adopted person by contacting last known address. Support groups via Adoption UK	
Notes on services for birth		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Harrow, London Borough of

Address	Social Services Department Family Placement Service 429–433 Pinner Road North Harrow Middlesex HA1 4HN	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8863 5544	
Email address Website address	monica.jones@harrow.gov.uk www.harrow.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Neil Wood Acting Adoption Team Manager	
Services provided	Providing non-identifying information Ye	es es es es

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	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Service level agreement with After Adoption – "core" services with option additional modules such as section 51 counselling. (Non-statutory birth records a provided by After Adoption.)	,
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes No
Notes on services provided Notes on services for birth		

Hartlepool Borough Council

relatives living abroad

Address	Social Services Department Aneurin Bevan House 35 Avenue Road Hartlepool Cleveland TS24 8HD	
Telephone number Fax number	01429 266522	
Email address Website address	jim.murdoch@hartlepool.gov.uk www.hartlepool.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Jim Murdoch Principal Officer of Social Services	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No No Yes Varies No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No No No
Notes on services provided	Refer to After Adoption to undertake a search for the adopted person, facilitate a reunion and post-reunion support.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Havering, London Borough of

Address	Family Placement Service Midland House 109–113 Victoria Road Romford Essex RM7 2LX	
Telephone number Fax number	01708 434577 01708 434578	
Email address Website address	linda.mcgrath@havering.gov.uk www.havering.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Linda McGrath Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption on an individual case basis.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided	Support groups via After Adoption.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Herefordshire Council Loca		ority
Address	Children's Resource Centre Moor House Widemarsh Common Hereford HR4 9NA	
Telephone number Fax number	01432 62830	
Email address Website address	www.herefordshire.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Hazel Couch Adoption Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion 	Yes NK Yes No No

	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Adoption Support, which has a monthly outpost surgery in Hereford.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

Notes on services for birth

relatives living abroad

Hertfordshire Cou	nty Council Local Auth	ority
Address	Old Parkway School Parkway Welwyn Garden City Herts AL8 6JD	
Telephone number Fax number	01707 897654	
Email address Website address	brenda.simmonds@hertscc.gov.uk www.hertscc.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Brenda Simmonds Head of Adoption	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Varies Varies Yes NK
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Hillingdon, London Borough of

Address	Social Services Department	
	Fostering & Adoption Service	
	855 Uxbridge Road	
	Hayes	
	Middlesex UB4 8HZ	
Telephone number Fax number	01895 277850	
Email address	a.holmes@hillingdon.gov.uk	
Website address	www.hillingdon.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Anne Holmes Team Manager, Adoption	
Services provided	Counselling	NK
Services provided	 Providing non-identifying information 	NK
	 Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	NK
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	NK
	 Facilitate a reunion 	NK
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	NK
	 Contacting adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry 	NK
	 Post-reunion support 	NK
	Support groups	NK
Are services contracted out?		NK
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	NK
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	Non-identifying information	
	Intermediary servicesRefer to NORCAP	NK NK
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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Hounslow, London Borough of

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Address	Social Services Department	
	Adoption & Permanence Team	
	Pavilon BF, Civic Centre	
	Lampton Road	
	Hounslow	
	London TW3 4DN	
Telephone number	020 8583 3442	
Fax number	020 8583 3444	
Email address	adoption.duty@hounslow.gov.uk	
Website address	www.hounslow.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Duty Officer	
Services provided	Counselling	Yes
	 Providing non-identifying information 	Yes
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support 	No Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Support groups No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Varies Yes Yes
Notes on services provided Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Hull City Council Local Au		ority
Address	Adoption Service Gleneagles East Carr Road Hull HU8 9LB	
Telephone number Fax number	01482 799340 01482 789282	
Email address Website address	glen.dunkley@hullcc.gov.uk www.hullcc.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Glen Dunkley or Carol Fellowes Post-Adoption Social Worker/Team Leader	
	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Have a service level agreement with After Adoption (Yorkshire). The term of t agreement is three years, then for renegotiation. The hours allocated per week are The worker works independently.	
	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided	Will contact the adoptive parent if no searching is involved. Support groups are bein set up by After Adoption Yorkshire for the Authority.	ing
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad	Services of advice on how/where to seek counselling and non-identifying informati birth relatives living abroad where possible.	ion for

Isle of Wight County Council

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Address	Adoption Services Team	
	Social Services Centre	
	Town Hall, Lind Street	
	Ryde	
	Isle of Wight PO33 2NQ	
Telephone number Fax number	01983 566011	
Email address	jennie.dix@iow.gov.uk	
Website address	www.iow.gov.uk	
Contact person	Jennie Dix	
Position	Deputy Team Manager	
Services provided	Counselling	Yes
•	Providing non-identifying information	No
•	Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
•	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	No
•	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
•	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
•	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Yes
•	Post-reunion support	Yes
•	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	No
•	Non-identifying information	No
•	Intermediary services	Yes
•	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Isles of Scilly Social Services Local Authority Address Park House The Parade St. Mary's Isles of Scilly TR21 OLP **Telephone number** 01720 422148 Fax number Email address hcharnock@scilly.gov.uk Website address www.scilly.gov.uk **Contact person Harry Charnock** Position Director of Social Services Services provided Counselling • Providing non-identifying information • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file • Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion •

	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	NK NK NK NK
		INK
Are services contracted out?		NK
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	NK
	Non-identifying information	NK
	Intermediary services	NK
	Refer to NORCAP	NK
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Islington, London	Borough of Local Autho	rity
Address	Social Services Department Adoption Team 12 Highbury Crescent London N5 IRN	
Telephone number Fax number	020 7527 4400 020 7527 4401	
Email address Website address	lindsay.wright@islington.gov.uk www.islington.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Lindsay Wright Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No – Provide intermediary services. Do enter into non-disclosure agreements with NORCAP.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided	Additional contact: Renee Gioffe, Adoption Support Advisor, email: renee.gioffe@islington.gov.uk	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Kensington & Chelsea, Royal Borough of

Address	Social Services Department Family Placement Unit Westway Aid and Information Centre 140 Ladbroke Grove London W10 5ND	
Telephone number Fax number	020 7598 4438	
Email address Website address	elizabeth.sidley@rbkc.gov.uk www.rbkc.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Liz Sidley Manager, Adoption and Permanency	
	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Varies Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Some services contracted out to After Adoption – support groups, counselling/support.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Varies Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Kent County Council Local Authority Address Social Services Department The Gateway Team Fostering & Adoption 1st Floor, 17 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4UL **Telephone number** 08453 302968 **Email address** Sharon.Richards@kent.gov.uk www.kentadoption.com **Contact person Sharon Richards** Gateway Team Manager • Counselling

Fax number

Website address

Position

	Providing non-identifying information	Yes
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	• Undertake a search for the adopted person	Nc
	Facilitate a reunion	No
	• Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry	No
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	No
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Kent Post Adoption Service – run by NCH. Contract with Post Adoption Cen	tre.
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes

Notes on services provided

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

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Kingston upon Thames, Royal Borough of

Address	Community Services Department Family Placement Team Room 205, Guildhall 1, High Street Kingston upon Thames Surrey KT1 1EU	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8547 6042 020 8547 5846	
Email address Website address	famplacduty@rbk.kingston.gov.uk www.kingston.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Duty Officer (pending appointment in January 2005) Family Placement Team	
Services provided		Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Intermediary services	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
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Kirklees Metropolitan Council

Address	Family Placement Unit Westfields Westfields Road Mirfield WF14 9PW	
Telephone number Fax number	01924 483707	
Email address Website address	sarah.patrick@kirklees.gov.uk www.kirklees.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Sarah Patrick Family Placement Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No No Yes Varies No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (Yorkshire)	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		

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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Knowsley, Metropolitan Borough of

Address Social Services Department Astley House, Astley Road Huyton Liverpool L36 8HY **Telephone number** 0151 443 3958 Fax number 0151 449 0134 Email address terry.douglas@knowsley.gov.uk Website address www.knowsley.gov.uk **Contact person Terry Douglas** Position Adoption & Fostering Manager Services provided • Counselling Yes Providing non-identifying information Varies • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes Undertake a search for the adopted person No • Facilitate a reunion No

	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Varies Varies No No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

No relatives living abroad

Lambeth, London	Borough of Local Autho	ority
Address	3rd Floor, Hopton House 243A Streatham High Road Streatham London SW16 6EY	
Telephone number Fax number	020 7926 8503 020 7926 5218	
Email address Website address	rwise@lambeth.gov.uk www.lambeth.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Ruth Wise Service Manager for Adoption and Fostering	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No No No No No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Contract with Post Adoption Centre.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

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Lancashire County Council

Address	Social Services P.O. Box 162 East Cliff County Office Preston PR1 3EA	
Telephone number Fax number	01772 264429 01772 534910	
Email address Website address	diane.vincent@socserv.lancscc.gov.uk www.socserv.lancscc.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Diane Vincent County Fostering and Adoption Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies No Yes Varies No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Some to After Adoption, other services provided in-house.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes No Yes
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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Leeds City Council

Address	Selectapost 9 3rd Floor West, 110 Merrion Centre Leeds LS2 8QB	
Telephone number Fax number	0113 247 8675	
Email address Website address	Val.Hales@leeds.gov.uk www.leeds.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Val Hales Team Manager, Fostering & Adoption	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion 	Yes Yes Yes Varies Yes

	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (Yorkshire). Some services are contracted out, mainly service birth parents.	es for
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Would refer birth relative living abroad to a counsellor for non-identifying information. May direct to After Adoption (Yorkshire) for intermediary services for birth relatives.

Leicester City Cou	I ncil Local Auth	ority
Address	Social Services Department Adoption Team Eagle House, 11 Friar Lane Leicester LE1 5RB	
Telephone number Fax number	0116 299 5899	
Email address Website address	andrf001@leicester.gov.uk www.leicester.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Faye Andrews Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Leicestershire County Council

Address	Social Services Department Adoption Team Eagle House, 11 Friar Lane Leicester LE1 5RB	
Telephone number Fax number	0116 299 5899 0116 299 5900	
Email address Website address	mlowles@leics.gov.uk www.leics.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Mary Lowles or Bridget Puddepha Team Managers	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No Yes Yes
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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Lewisham, London Borough of

Address Social Services Department Lewisham Adoption Services St. Pauls House 125 Deptford High Street London SE8 4NS **Telephone number** 020 8314 8134 Fax number Email address jill.jenner@lewisham.gov.uk Website address www.lewisham.gov.uk **Contact person Rosie Sauvage** Position Service Unit Manager Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file • Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Varies
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Varies
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Lincolnshire County Council

Social Services Directorate Address **Orchard House** Orchard Street Lincoln LN1 1BA **Telephone number** 01522 554060 Fax number Email address fosteringandadoption@lincolnshire.gov.uk or Bryan.glover@lincolnshire.gov.uk Website address www.lincolnshire.gov.uk **Contact person Bryan Glover** Position Fostering & Adoption Development Manager Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes • Undertake a search for the adopted person • Yes Facilitate a reunion Yes • Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Yes • Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry • No Post-reunion support Yes Support groups No Are services contracted out? No Services for birth relatives living abroad Advice on how/where to seek counselling Yes Non-identifying information Yes • • Intermediary services No Refer to NORCAP No Notes on services provided

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

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Liverpool City Council

Address	Supported Living and Community Safety Portfolio Millennium House Victoria Street Liverpool L1 6JQ	
Telephone number Fax number	0151 233 3700	
Email address Website address	brenda.waterson@liverpool.gov.uk www.liverpool.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Brenda Waterson Social Work Resource Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Varies e Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption provides this service.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes Varies Yes No
Notes on services provided	Will contact the adoptive parent if the adopted person is under 18 years.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad	Non-identifying information for birth relatives living abroad possibly through a counsellor.	

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Luton Council

Address	Social Services Department Unity House 111 Stuart Street Luton LU1 5NP	
Telephone number Fax number	01582 547584	
Email address Website address	nortons@luton.gov.uk or blissj@luton.gov.uk www.luton.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Sylvia Norton or Jill Bliss Acting Team Managers (job share)	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person 	No Yes Yes Varies

	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No Yes Varies No Yes
Are services contracted out?	No – Are considering this – subject to final regulations and guidance.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Manchester City Council Local Au		rity
Address	Children, Families and Social Care Beswick District Office 1 Campion Road, Bradford Manchester M11 3RS	
Telephone number Fax number	0161 223 9441	
Email address Website address	www.manchester.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Sandra Edwards Adoption Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No No
Notes on services provided		
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Address	Compass Centre Pembroke Chatham Martime Chatham ME4 4YH	
Telephone number Fax number	01634 331214	
Email address Website address	lesley.penna@medway.gov.uk www.medway.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Lesley Penna Adoption & Permanence Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No No No No Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No – In light of new legislation, present position is under review.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

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Merton, London Borough of

Social Services Division Adoption and Permanency Team Worsfold House Mitcham Surrey CR4 3BE **Telephone number** 020 8545 4288 Fax number Email address stephen.butcher@merton.gov.uk Website address www.merton.gov.uk **Contact person** Sarah Dempsey Adoption Development Manager Services provided Counselling Yes • • Providing non-identifying information

• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file

• Undertake a search for the adopted person

No

	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Post Adoption Centre. Counselling, outreach surgery contract for 5 years.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	NK
	Non-identifying information	NK
	Intermediary services	NK
	Refer to NORCAP	NK
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Middlesbrough Borough Council

Address	Permanence Team Sandringham House 170A Overdale Road, Park End Middlesbrough TS3 7EA	
Telephone number Fax number	01642 300870	
Email address Website address	liz_watson@middlesbrough.gov.uk www.middlesbrough.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Liz Watson Permanence Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No Yes No No No Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Service level agreement with After Adoption to provide core services and Pare Without Children project. Intermediary services can be spot-purchased if necessary budget controls make this difficult.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary servicesRefer to NORCAP	No Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Milton Keynes Council

Address	Learning and Development Directorate Children's Services Saxon Court 502 Avebury Boulevard Milton Keynes MK9 3HS	
Telephone number Fax number	01908 253404 01908 253251	
Email address Website address	mary.shaw@milton-keynes.gov.uk www.milton-keynes.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Mary Shaw Post Adoption Social Worker	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes No Yes Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No No No
Notes on services provided		

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Newcastle City Council Local Aut		rity
Address	Adoption Service 4–8 Clarence Walk Shieldfield Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1AL	
Telephone number Fax number	0191 278 8200 0191 278 8154	
Email address Website address	adoption@newcastle.gov.uk www.newcastle.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Deborah Herring Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Yes Yes Yes No

	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Newham, London Borough of

Address Social Services Department 16 Wordsworth Avenue Manor Park London E12 6SU **Telephone number** 020 8430 2000 Fax number **Email address** Jenny.Elliott@newham.gov.uk Website address www.newham.gov.uk **Contact person** Jenny Elliott Position Service Manager Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file • Yes Undertake a search for the adopted person No • Facilitate a reunion • Yes Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Yes • Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Varies • Post-reunion support • Yes Support groups No Are services contracted out? Yes – Post Adoption Centre Services for birth relatives living abroad • Advice on how/where to seek counselling Yes • Non-identifying information No Intermediary services No • Refer to NORCAP • Yes Notes on services provided Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Norfolk County Council

Address	Adoption and Family Finding Unit 3 Unthank Road Norwich NR2 2PA	
Telephone number Fax number	01603 617796	
Email address Website address	marianne.halliday@norfolk.gov.uk www.norfolk.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Duty Social Worker	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Varies Varies Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided	Will contact the adoptive parent to inform them of a birth relative enquiry if appropriate.	

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Yes

No

Yes

No

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

North East Lincolnshire Council

Address Fostering and Adoption Service 2nd Floor, St. James House St. James Square Grimsby North East Lincs DN31 1EP **Telephone number** 01472 325555 Fax number 01472 325605 Email address penny.sheardown@nelincs.gov.uk Website address www.nelinks.gov.uk Penny Sheardown **Contact person** Position Principal Care Manager, Fostering and Adoption Services provided Counselling • Providing non-identifying information • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file • Undertake a search for the adopted person

	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No No Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

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North Lincolnshire Council

Address	Adoption and Fostering Team		
	The Grove, 38 West Street		
	Scawbey		
	Near Brigg		
	North Lincolnshire DN20 9AN		
Telephone number Fax number	01724 296500		
Email address	 Gareth.Lambert@northlincs.gov.uk		
Website address	www.northlincs.gov.uk		
Contact person	Gareth Lambert		
Position	Team Leader – Adoption and Fostering		
Services provided	Counselling	Yes	
	 Providing non-identifying information 	No	
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes	
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Varies	
	Facilitate a reunion	Varies	
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes	
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies	
	Post-reunion support	Yes	
	Support groups	Yes	
Are services contracted out?	No – Support groups in the form of workshops on specific subjects.		
Services for birth relatives			
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	No	
	Non-identifying information	No	
	Intermediary services	Yes	
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes	
Notes on services provided			
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North Somerset Council

Address	Housing & Social Services Department Adoption & Fostering Team P.O. Box 195, Town Hall Weston-Super-Mare Somerset BS23 1UF	
Telephone number Fax number	01275 888238	
Email address Website address	jenny.slee@n-somerset.gov.uk www.n-somerset.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Jenny Slee Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Services for birth relatives living abroad are via SWAN which charges a fee.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
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North Tyneside Council Local Auth		rity
Address	Camden House Camden Street North Shields Tyne and Wear NE30 1NW	
Telephone number Fax number	0191 200 6161	
Email address Website address	www.northtyneside.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Andrea Rawson Team Manager – Adoption	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person 	No No No

	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No No No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Some work done via After Adoption, "Families in Care" and NEPAS.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	• Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		

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North Yorkshire County Council

Address	Social Services Department 4 Stockwell Lane Knaresborough North Yorks DL7 8DD	
Telephone number Fax number	01609 780780	
Email address Website address	www.northyorks.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Nic Haughton Adoption Services Manager	
	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (Yorkshire)	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Northamptonshire County Council

Address	Adoption & Fostering Unit P.O. Box 225 John Dryden House 8–10 The Lakes Northampton Northants NN4 7DF	
Telephone number Fax number	01604 236172 01604 237767	
Email address Website address	slowe@northamptonshire.gov.uk www.northamptonshire.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Sue Lowe Adoption Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	NK NK Yes Yes Yes Varies NK
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		
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Northumberland County Council

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Yes No

Address	Family Support & Placement Service Tweed House Hepscott Park Morpeth Northumberland NE61 2NF
Telephone number Fax number	01670 534450
Email address Website address	JCutler@northumberland.gov.uk www.northumberland.gov.uk
Contact person Position	Jean Cutler Adoption Support Co-ordinator, Permanence Team
Services provided	CounsellingProviding non-identifying information

	 Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No Yes No Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided	Support groups via After Adoption.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Nottingham City Council

Address	Social Services Department 2nd Floor, York House Mansfield Road Nottingham NG1 3NS	
Telephone number Fax number	0115 915 5500	
Email address Website address	www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Delores Faulkner Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes No No Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		

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Nottinghamshire County Council

Address	Support After Adoption Melrose House Waverley Street Nottingham NG7 4HF	
Telephone number Fax number	0115 978 7376 0115 979 2250	
Email address Website address	support.afteradoption@nottscc.gov.uk www.nottscc.gov.uk/socialservices	
Contact person Position	Duty Social Worker	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Varies Varies Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes

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Oldham, Metropolitan Borough of

Address Family Placement Team Marian Walker House Frederick Street Oldham OL8 1SW **Telephone number** 0161 626 4947 Fax number Email address jenny.whitmore@oldham.gov.uk Website address www.oldham.gov.uk **Contact person** Jennifer Whitmore Position Team Manager Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes • Undertake a search for the adopted person No

	Facilitate a reunion	No
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	No
	Post-reunion support	No
	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Service level agreement with After Adoption.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		

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Oxfordshire County Council Address Social & Health Care

	Yarnton House, Rutten Lane Yarnton Oxford OX5 1LP	
Telephone number Fax number	01865 854456	
Email address Website address	liz.gilkes@oxfordshire.gov.uk www.oxfordshire.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Liz Gilkes Adoption Support Advisor	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No Yes Varies Varies No Varies No
Are services contracted out?	No – use NORCAP.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No Varies Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Peterborough City Council

Address	Adoption & Fostering Unit Suite 6, Staniland Court Staniland Way Werrington Peterborough PE4 6NJ	
Telephone number Fax number	01733 746180	
Email address Website address	gay.creasey@peterborough.gov.uk www.peterborough.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Gay Creasey Senior Practitioner, Adoption Support Advisor	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – One non-disclosure agreement with NORCAP. No service level agreements.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No No Yes No
Notes on services provided		
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relatives living abroad

Plymouth City	Council Local Autho	ority
Address	Social & Housing Services Adoption Team Midland House, Floor 4 Plymouth PL1 2AA	
Telephone number Fax number	01752 306820	
Email address Website address	www.plymouth.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Wendy Van Den Heuvel Adoption Project Officer	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	Yes Yes Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Varies
	Facilitate a reunion	NK
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	NK
	Post-reunion support	NK
	Support groups	NK
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	No
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
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Poole Borough Council

Address	Adoption and Permanence Team Children and Families Services 14A Commercial Road Parkstone Poole BH14 OJW	
Telephone number Fax number	01202 714711	
Email address Website address	adoption@poole.gov.uk www.poole.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Karran Stroud Team Manager Adoption & Permanance	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Varies Varies Varies Varies Varies NK NK
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Service level agreement with SWAN has been in place since 2000.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		

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Portsmouth City Council

Address	Ist Floor, Civic Offices Guildhall Square Portsmouth Hants PO1 2EP	
Telephone number Fax number	02392 841626	
Email address Website address	cherry.harnott@portsmouth.gov.uk www.portsmouth.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Cherry Harnott Adoption Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		

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Reading Borough Council

Address	Social Services Department Reading Adoption Team Fountain House P.O. Box 2624, Civic Centre Reading Berks RG1 7WB	
Telephone number Fax number	0118 955 3740	
Email address Website address	christine.hayes@reading.gov.uk www.reading.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Christine Hayes Senior Post Adoption Social Worker	
Services provided	Counselling	Yes
····	 Providing non-identifying information 	Yes

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	 Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	No – If unable to supply intermediary service in a particular case, Adoption Adviso Service would supply if appropriate.	ry
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Redbridge, London Borough of

Address	Station Road Centre, Station Road Barkingside Ilford Essex IG6 1NB	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8708 7870 020 8708 7887	
Email address Website address	ruth.holmes@redbridge.gov.uk www.redbridgekids.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Ruth Holmes Principal Officer for Adoption and Fostering	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No Yes Varies No No No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Are in the process of doing this for 2004/5 with Family Connections (Barnar	′do′s).
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No No No Yes
Notes on services provided		
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Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

Address	Grosmont Resource Centre	
	20 Grosmont Close	
	Redcar	
	Cleveland TS10 4PJ	
Telephone number Fax number	01642 495910	
Email address	joanne_gilroy@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk	
Website address	www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Joanne Gilroy Permanency Team Manager	
Services provided	Counselling	No
	 Providing non-identifying information 	No
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	No
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	No
	Facilitate a reunion	No
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	No
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	No
	Post-reunion support	No
	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	No
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Richmond upon Thames, London Borough of

Address Social Services Department 42 York Street Twickenham TW1 3BW 020 8891 7754 **Telephone number** Fax number **Email address** j.adams@richmond.gov.uk Website address www.richmond.gov.uk **Contact person** Julia Adams Position Social Worker Adoption Team Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes Undertake a search for the adopted person Yes Facilitate a reunion Yes • Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Yes •

	 Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided	Will support and advise on search for adopted person. Contacting the adopted directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry varies according to the age of adopted person. Plan to develop support groups.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council

Address	Family Placement Team Foxholes House, Foxholes Road Rochdale Lancashire OL12 0ED	
Telephone number Fax number	01706 710750	
Email address Website address	familyplacement@rochdale.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Duty Officer	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No No Yes No Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	NK NK NK
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Address	Family Placement Service Floor 4, Crinoune House Effingham Square Rotherham South Yorkshire S65 1AW	
Telephone number Fax number	01709 382121	
Email address Website address	andrea.hobson@rotherham.gov.uk or michele.stevenson@rotherham.gov.uk www.rotherham.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Andrea Hobson or Michele Stevenson Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes NK Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Service level agreement with After Adoption (Yorkshire) commenced July 200	03.
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Salford City Council

Address	Family Placement	
	Avon House, Avon Close	
	Little Hulton	
	Manchester M28 0LA	
Telephone number Fax number	0161 799 1762	
Email address	carolyn.williams@salford.gov.uk	
Website address	www.salford.gov.uk	
Contact person	Carolyn Williams	
Position	Principal Manager	
Services provided	Counselling	Yes
	Providing non-identifying information	Yes
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	Undertake a search for the adopted person	No

	• Facilitate a reunion	Varies
	• Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry	Varies
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
	Post-reunion support	Varies
	• Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	No
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

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Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Address	Sandwell Social Inclusion and Health Adoption Team Hollies Family Centre Coopers Lane Smethwick Warley West Midlands B67 7DW	
Telephone number Fax number	0121 569 5771	
Email address Website address		
Contact person Position	Henrietta Door Adoption Social Worker	
	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes NK NK NK NK NK NK
Are services contracted out?	Yes – WMPAS.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		

Sefton, Metropolitan Borough of

Address	Adoption and Family Placement Ellesmere House Crosby Road North Waterloo L22 OLG	
Telephone number Fax number	0151 934 5019	
Email address Website address	linda.woodcock@csf.sefton.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Linda Woodcock Resource Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No Yes No No No No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Contract with After Adoption commenced in January 2004.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes No Yes

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Sheffield City Council

Address	Family Placement Services Floor 2, Castle Market Buildings Exchange Street Sheffield S1 2AH	
Telephone number	0114 273 4951	
Fax number	0114 273 4492	
Email address	jane.steele@sheffield.gov.uk	
Website address	www.sheffield.gov.uk	
Contact person	Jane Steele	
Position	Team Manager 'Permanence'	
Services provided	Counselling	Yes
	 Providing non-identifying information 	Yes
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	No
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	No

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	 Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
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Shropshire County Council and the Borough of Telford & Wrekin

Address	The Joint Adoption Service Observer House Abbey Foregate Shrewsbury SY2 6BL	
Telephone number Fax number	01743 241915	
Email address Website address	catherine.warner@shropshire-cc.gov.uk www.shropshireonline.gov.uk/childrenfamilies.nsf	
Contact person Position	Catherine Warner Service Manager, Adoption	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Independent support services for birth relatives through After Adoption from December 2004.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes No Yes
Notes on services provided Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad	Support groups from December 2004.	

Slough Borough Council

Address	Adoption & Permanency Team Town Hall Bath Road Slough Berks SL1 3UQ	
Telephone number Fax number	01753 690960	
Email address Website address	familyplacement@slough.gov.uk or julia.brown@slough.gov.uk www.slough.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Julia Brown Adoption and Permanency Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	NK NK NK NK
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Solihull, Metropolitan Borough of

Address Adoption Team Jubilee House, 655 Auckland Drive Smiths Wood Solihull Birmingham B36 OSN 0121 7498112 **Telephone number** Fax number **Email address** jeverett@solihull.gov.uk Website address www.solihull.gov.uk **Contact person Jo Everett** Position Adoption Support Social Worker Services provided Counselling Yes Providing non-identifying information Yes • • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes

	Undertake a search for the adopted person	NK
	Facilitate a reunion	NK
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
	Post-reunion support	NK
	Support groups	NK
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Adoption Support	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

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Somerset County Council

Address	Social Services Department Blake Northgate Bridgwater Somerset TA6 3AU	
Telephone number Fax number	01278 431111	
Email address Website address	lplummer@somerset.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Lynn Plummer Children's Services Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Varies No No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided	Will contact adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry if appropriate	е.
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad	Intermediary services for birth relatives living abroad are in process.	

South Gloucestershire Council

Address	Social Services Department The Heath Resource Centre 2A Newton Road, Cadbury Heath South Gloucestershire BS30 8EZ	
Telephone number Fax number	01454 866088 01454 866261	
Email address Website address	nicky.godfrey@southglos.gov.uk www.southglos.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Nicky Godfrey Team Manager, Family Placement Team	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No No No No No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – SWAN provides a level of adoption support services for South Gloustershire a this may include some intermediary work. The level of service may need to be revie	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No Yes No
Notes on services provided Notes on services for birth		

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South Tyneside, N	Aletropolitan Borough of Local Author	ority
Address	Adoption Services 16 Barrington Street South Shields Tyne & Wear NE33 1AN	
Telephone number Fax number	0191 423 8500 0191 423 8510	
Email address Website address	adoption@s-tyneside-mbc.gov.uk www.s-tyneside-mbc.gov.uk/fosteringandadoption	
Contact person Position	Terry Fitzpatrick Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	Yes No Yes

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	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Varies Yes Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for hirth		

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Southampton County Council

Address	30A Cedar Road Portswood Southampton SO14 6HL	
Telephone number Fax number	02380 446450	
Email address Website address	chris.mckeone@southampton.gov.uk www.southampton.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Chris McKeone Senior Practitioner, Adoption Support Services	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Yes Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Southend on Sea Council

Address Telephone number	Family Finders 283 London Road Westcliff on Sea Southend SS0 7BX 01702 354366	
Fax number	01702 554500	
Email address Website address	ianmarsh@southend.gov.uk www.southend.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Ian Marsh Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Southwark, London Borough of

Address	Adoption & Fostering Unit 47b East Dulwich Road London SE22 9BZ	
Telephone number Fax number	020 7525 4429	
Email address Website address	susan.sinclair@southwark.gov.uk www.southwark.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Susan Sinclair Service Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion 	Yes Yes Yes No Yes

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	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Independent Adoption Services for birth parent counselling; do not really intermediary services but contract is flexible and this could be negotiated if goo	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

St. Helens, Metropolitan Borough of

Address	Adoption & Fostering Care Services 73–75 Corporation Street St. Helens Merseyside WA10 1SX	
Telephone number Fax number	01744 456526	
Email address Website address	www.sthelens.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Wandzia Cody Adoption Support Worker	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No No No No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Service level agreement with After Adoption (Liverpool).	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No No No Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Staffordshire County Council

Address	Adoption Options 190 Horninglow Street Burton on Trent Staffordshire DE14 1NG	
Telephone number Fax number	01283 845581	
Email address Website address	lyn.bugarski@staffordshire.gov.uk www.staffordshire.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Lyn Bugarski Children's Services Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes NK Yes NK NK NK NK
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	NK NK NK
Notes on services provided	Offer advice on NORCAP and other adoption support services, are completing negotiations with After Adoption for services to children and families under 18 plu helplines and have entered into non-disclosure agreements with known adoption support services, NORCAP, SWAN, Adoption Support, etc.	s their
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

Address Family Placement Service Reddish Green Centre St. Elizabeth's Way Reddish Stockport SK5 6BL **Telephone number** 0161 947 4646 Fax number **Email address** family.placement@stockport.gov.uk or hilary.thomas@stockport.gov.uk Website address www.stockport.gov.uk **Hilary Thomas Contact person** Position Adoption Team Manager Counselling Services provided

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	Providing non-identifying information	Yes
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	No
	Facilitate a reunion	No
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	No
	Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	No
	Post-reunion support	No
	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Service level agreement with After Adoption (Manchester).	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	Non-identifying information	NK
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

relatives living abroad

Address	Council Offices Town Centre Billingham Cleveland TS23 2LW	
Telephone number Fax number	01642 526218	
Email address Website address	Jackie.ward@stockton.gov.uk www.stockton.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Jackie Ward Manager, Child Placement Team	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes NK Yes Varies Yes Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption – contact made by birth relatives seeking information, supp exploring options, writing letters to place on file and supporting through reunion	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		
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Stoke on Trent City Council Local Authority Address Social Services Department 4th Floor Civic Centre Glebe Street Stoke on Trent ST4 1RT 01782 234567 **Telephone number** Fax number **Email address** Website address **Julie Lewis Contact person** Position Head of Children's Services Services provided Counselling Yes Providing non-identifying information Yes • • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes Undertake a search for the adopted person Varies • • Facilitate a reunion No Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry NK Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry No Post-reunion support No • Support groups No Are services contracted out? No Services for birth relatives living abroad Advice on how/where to seek counselling NK • Non-identifying information NK • Intermediary services • NK Refer to NORCAP • NK

Notes on services provided

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Suffolk County Council

Address	Suffolk Adoption Agency Principal's House Stoke Road Thorndon Eye Suffolk IP23 7JG	
Telephone number Fax number	01379 672750	
Email address Website address		
Contact person Position	Liz Pardey Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	Yes No Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
•	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Sunderland, City of

Address Social Services Directorate Services for Looked After Children Penshaw House, Station Road Penshaw Houghton-le-Spring DH4 7LB 0191 566 3200 **Telephone number** Fax number 0191 566 3201 Email address servicesforlookedafterchildren@ssd.sunderland.gov.uk Website address www.sunderland.gov.uk **Contact person** Pat Crosby or Viv Sear Position Service Manager – Adoption Permanency Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes • Undertake a search for the adopted person No Facilitate a reunion Yes • Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry • Varies Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Varies • Post-reunion support Yes Support groups Yes Are services contracted out? No Services for birth relatives living abroad Advice on how/where to seek counselling Yes • Non-identifying information Yes • Intermediary services No Refer to NORCAP Yes Notes on services provided

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Surrey County Council

Address	Children & Families Services	
	Belair House	
	Chertsey Boulevard	
	Hanworth Lane	
	Chertsey	
	Surrey KT16 9JX	
Telephone number Fax number	01932 794340	
Email address Website address	www.surrey.gov.uk	
Contact person	Louise Warren	
Position	Team Manager, Adoption and Permanency	
Services provided	Counselling	Yes
	Providing non-identifying information	Yes
	 Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	e Yes
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Varies
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Yes
	Post-reunion support	Yes
•	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
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Sutton, London Bo	rough of Local Au	thority
Address	Community Services Adoption and Permanence Team The Lodge, Honeywood Walk Carshalton Surrey SM5 3NX	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8770 4477	
Email address Website address	laura.collings@sutton.gov.uk www.sutton.gov.uk 	
Contact person Position	Laura Collings Adoption Co-ordinator	
Services provided	Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's	Varies Yes file Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support 	Varies Varies Yes No No
	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	Some are. Others to be met within the consortium.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	No
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Swindon Borough Council

Address Social Services 'Hut 8' Civic Offices Euclid Street Swindon Wiltshire SN1 2JH 01793 465714 **Telephone number** Fax number 01793 465714 Email address gsenior@swindon.gov.uk Website address www.swindon.gov.uk **Contact person Graham Senior** Position Team Manager, Family Placement Team Services provided Counselling Yes Providing non-identifying information Yes • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file • Yes Undertake a search for the adopted person No Facilitate a reunion No • Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Yes Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Varies Post-reunion support No Support groups No Are services contracted out? Yes - Service level agreement with SWAN. Services for birth relatives living abroad Advice on how/where to seek counselling Yes • Non-identifying information No Intermediary services No • Refer to NORCAP Yes Notes on services provided Alternative contact: Lesley Harwood, Adoption Development Manager, tel. 01793 463125, email: lharwood@swindon.gov.uk Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

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Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

Address	Social Services Department 56 Warrington Street Ashton-Under-Lyne Tameside OL6 7JX	
Telephone number Fax number	0161 342 4160	
Email address Website address	adoption@tameside.gov.uk www.tameside.gov.uk/tmbc/adoptpractice.htm	
Contact person Position	Andrew Stott Team Manager – Adoption and Permanency	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (Manchester) provides a counselling service to all adult ado adopters and birth parents resident in Tameside.	ptees,
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes No Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

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Thurrock Council

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Address	Civic Offices New Road Grays Essex RM17 6TJ	
Telephone number Fax number	01375 652619	
Email address Website address	juadams@thurrock.gov.uk www.thurrock.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Judith Adams Practice Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Yes Yes Yes No

	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	No
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided	Will refer to NORCAP to undertake a search for the adopted person. Adoption Suprovide post-reunion support and support groups.	ipport
Notes on services for birth		

Torbay Social Services Department

relatives living abroad

Address	Torbay Adoption Team Parkfield House 38 Esplanade Road Devon TQ3 2NH	
Telephone number Fax number	01803 208406	
Email address Website address	adoption.team@torbay.gov.uk www.torbay.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Rhona Lewis	
	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	NK NK NK NK NK NK
Are services contracted out?		NK
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	NK NK NK
Notes on services provided		
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Tower Hamlets, London Borough of

 Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support 	Address	Post Adoption Services 117 Poplar High Street London E14 OAE	
Website address Erica Peltier Position Post Adoption Team Manager Services provided Counselling Providing non-identifying information Yes Providing non-identifying information Yes Eracility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes Undertake a search for the adopted person Varies Facilitate a reunion Yes Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of birth relative enquiry Yes Post-reunion support Yes	•	020 7364 2257	
Position Post Adoption Team Manager Services provided Counselling Yes Providing non-identifying information Yes Providing non-identifying information Yes Exactly for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes Undertake a search for the adopted person Varies Facilitate a reunion Yes Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Yes Post-reunion support Yes		erica.peltier@towerhamlets.gov.uk	
 Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Yes 	•		
	Services provided	 Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?Yes – Work with Post Adoption Centre who would provide a service at request. Generally tend to facilitate these meetings themselves.	Are services contracted out?		
 Non-identifying information Intermediary services Yes 	living abroad	Non-identifying informationIntermediary services	Yes Yes Yes Yes

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Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council

Address Adoption Team The Resource Centre 71a Northeden Rd Sale Chesire M32 2DG **Telephone number** 0161 912 3515 Fax number Email address kelly.catherine@trafford.gov.uk Website address www.adopttrafford.org **Contact person Catherine Kelly** Position Team Manager Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Varies •

Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file No

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support 	No NK Varies Varies Yes
	Support groups	Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Some are, not all.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

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Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

Address	Community & Social Services Department Flanshaw Children's Centre 6 Springfield Grange Flanshaw Wakefield West Yorkshire WF2 9QP	
Telephone number Fax number	01924 302160 01924 302168	
Email address Website address	sc-cffamilyplace@wakefield.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Eileen Bower Adoption & Permanence Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No No Yes Varies No Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (Yorkshire)	
	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Address	Family Placement Services 106 Essington Road Willenhall West Midlands WV12 4DT	
Telephone number Fax number	01922 710751	
Email address Website address	mangath@walsall.gov.uk www.walsall.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Harmanda Mangat Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Adoption Support.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
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Waltham Forest, London Borough of

Address Social Services Department 1c The Drive Walthamstow London E17 3BN **Telephone number** 020 8496 2473 Fax number Email address jane.anderson@soc.lbwf.gov.uk Website address www.lbwf.gov.uk **Contact person** Jane Anderson Position Adoption Team Manager Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes • Undertake a search for the adopted person No • Facilitate a reunion Yes

	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Post Adoption Centre.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Wandsworth, London Borough of Local Auth		
Address	Adoption & Fostering Service Welbeck House 43–51 Wandsworth High Street London SW18 2PU	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8871 7261	
Email address Website address	adoptionandfostering@wandsworth.gov.uk www.wandsworth.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Duty Social Worker Permanency and Fostering	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies No Yes Yes No No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes Yes No Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

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Warrington Borough Council

Address	Fostering and Adoption Team Family Placement Team Bewsey Old School Lockton Lane	
Telephone number	Warrington WA5 0BF 	
Fax number		
Email address Website address	fostering.adoption@warrington.gov.uk www.warrington.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Duty Officer	
Services provided	Counselling	Yes
•	 Providing non-identifying information 	Yes
•	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	
•	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Varies
•	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
•	• Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry	Yes
•	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Yes
•	Post-reunion support	Varies
•	Support groups	No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption – post-adoption support, additional counselling if required, therapy, birth parent counselling, search facilities.	family
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
•	Non-identifying information	Varies
•	Intermediary services	Yes
•	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Warwickshire County Council Local Au		nority
Address	Social Services Department Faraday Hall Lower Hillmorton Road Rugby CV21 3TU	
Telephone number Fax number	01926 413313	
Email address Website address	www.warwickshire.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Brenda Vincent Principal Operations Manager – Fostering & Adoption	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	Yes No Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Varies Varies No Varies Varies No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Adoption Support – Birmingham	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

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West Berkshire Council

Address Social Services Department Children's Services – Family Placement Team Avonbank House, West Street Newburv Berkshire RG14 1BZ 01635 503155 **Telephone number** Fax number 01635 503408 Email address familyplacementduty@westberks.gov.uk Website address www.westberks.gov.uk **Contact person Maggie Short** Position Family Placement Team Manager Counselling Yes Services provided • Providing non-identifying information Yes • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes Undertake a search for the adopted person Varies • Facilitate a reunion Yes • Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Varies Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Varies Post-reunion support No Support groups No Are services contracted out? Yes - The Berkshire Adoption Advisory service is responsible for: letter box contact; facilitating direct contact; facilitating a group for birth mothers. Services for birth relatives living abroad • Advice on how/where to seek counselling No Non-identifying information No Intermediary services No Refer to NORCAP • Yes Notes on services provided

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Westminster (City of)

Address	Family Placements 33 Tachbrook Street London SW1V 2JR	
Telephone number Fax number	020 7641 3270	
Email address Website address	jrowe@westminster.gov.uk www.westminster.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Janine Rowe Team Manager, New Families Team	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Varies Yes Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – The Children's Society provides the tracing service.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP	Yes Yes Yes No
Notes on services provided		

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West Sussex County Council

Address Adoption Support Service Bognor Health Centre West Street Bognor PO21 1UT 01273 852700 **Telephone number** Fax number **Email address** postadoption.team@westsussex.gov.uk Website address www.westsussex.gov.uk **Contact person Sally Atkinson** Position Adoption Support Social Worker Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes Undertake a search for the adopted person Varies • Facilitate a reunion Yes • Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Varies

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	Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiryPost-reunion supportSupport groups	Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No – Subscribe to Post Adoption Centre but not to supply intermediary services. make use of local PACTS counsellors.	Also
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
-	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided	Decision to contact adoptive parent or the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry varies according to age of the adopted person and circumstances. Support groups are not provided yet.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Wigan Metropolitan District Council

Address	Wigan Council Tyldesley Town Hall Elliott Street Tyldesley Manchester M29 8EH	
Telephone number Fax number	01942 404776	
Email address Website address	www.wiganmbc.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Paul Connolly Group Manager, Adoption and Permanence	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No No
Notes on services provided		
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Wiltshire County Council

Address	Department for Children & Education c/o Children & Families Branch County Hall Trowbridge Wiltshire BA14 8JB	
Telephone number Fax number	01722 333552 01722 422052	
Email address Website address	mollyo'riordan@wiltshire.gov.uk www.wiltshire.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Molly O'Riordan Adoption Support Worker	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – All above services provided by SWAN, whose contact number is 0845 601 24	459.
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad	SWAN provides services for birth relatives living abroad at a charge.	

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SWAN provides services for birth relatives living abroad at a charge.

Windsor & Maidenhead, **Royal Borough of Local Authority** Address Windsor & Maidenhead Social Services Family Placement Team 4 Marlow Road Maidenhead SL6 7YR 01628 683201 **Telephone number** Fax number **Email address** Website address www.rbwm.gov.uk **Contact person Ros Whittaker** Position Team Manager, Fostering, Adoption and Respite Service Services provided Counselling Yes Providing non-identifying information Yes • • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes

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	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No Yes Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	No – Shared around the Consortium which operates in Berkshire.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	NK
•	Non-identifying information	NK
•	Intermediary services	NK
•	Refer to NORCAP	NK
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

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Wirral, Metropolitan Borough of

Address	Adoption Team Conway Building Conway Street Birkenhead CH41 6LA	
Telephone number Fax number	0151 666 5653	
Email address Website address	jmiller@wirral.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Joy Miller Adoption Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Service level agreement with After Adoption (Liverpool).	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes No No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Wokingham District Council

Address	Department of Community Services and Housing Family Placement Team Lytham Court, Lytham Road Woodley Reading RG5 3PQ	
Telephone number Fax number	0118 974 6877	
Email address Website address	hilary.loades@wokingham.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Hilary Loades Team Manager, Adoption and Permanence	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No Yes Varies Yes Yes Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	NK NK NK
Notes on services provided		

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Wolverhampton City Council

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Address	Family Placement Service 66 Mount Pleasant Bilston Wolverhampton WV14 7PR	
Telephone number	01902 553070	
Fax number	01902 553091	
Email address	lynn.noble@wolverhampton.gov.uk	
Website address	www.wolverhampton.gov.uk	
Contact person	Lynn Noble	
Position	Team Manager	
Services provided	Counselling	Yes
	 Providing non-identifying information 	Yes
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Varies

Local Authority

	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Service level agreement with Adoption Support which at present provides 3 appointments for anyone affected by adoption. More sessions are negotiated individual basis.	-
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes No No
Notes on services provided	Reunions facilitated via Adoption Support.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Worcestershire County Council

Address	Adoption Support Team Civic Centre Queen Elizabeth Drive Pershore WR10 2EU	
Telephone number Fax number	01386 565000 01386 554720	
Email address Website address	KVincent@worcestershire.gov.uk www.worcestershire.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Kay Vincent Team Manager, Adoption Support	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No Yes Varies Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Adoption Support.	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth	Can provide non-identifying information for birth relatives living abroad via an	

Can provide non-identifying information for birth relatives living abroad via ar appropriate counsellor.

York (City of) Council

Address	Hollycroft Wenlock Terrace York YO10 4DU	
Telephone number Fax number	0113 230 2100	
Email address Website address	info@aay.org.uk www.afteradoptionyorkshire.org.uk	
Contact person Position	After Adoption Yorkshire	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No No Yes No No No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Service level agreement with After Adoption (Yorkshire) (based in Leeds, bi- monthly "outpost" in York).	
	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No No No
Notes on services provided	All intermediary services would be delivered via a service level agreement with After Adoption (Yorkshire), therefore this should be the point of contact. Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file for adoptions from 1996 only (NYCC have archive for adoptions prior to this).	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Listings of **local authority**

intermediary support services in **Wales**

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Address	Social Services Department Fostering & Adoption 7 Bridge Street Ebbw Vale Gwent NP23 6EY	
Telephone number Fax number	01495 355794	
Email address Website address	sheila.jones@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Sheila Jones Team Manager, Fostering and Adoption	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	NK NK NK NK NK NK NK
Are services contracted out?		
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	NK NK NK
Notes on services provided		
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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Bridgend County Borough Council

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Address	Adoption Team 110b Merthyrmawr Road Bridgend CF31 3NY	
Telephone number Fax number	01656 654091 01656 665634	
Email address Website address	lippim@bridgend.gov.uk www.bridgend.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Margaret Lippiatt Social Worker (Adoption)	
Services provided	Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion	Yes Yes No Yes

	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Caerphilly County	Borough Council Local Auth	ority
Address	Social Services Department Family Placement Team Avenue House, 2 King Edward Avenue Caerphilly CF83 1HE	
Telephone number Fax number	02920 808561	
Email address Website address	lewiss2@caerphilly.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Sharon Griffiths or Karen Danser Senior Adoption Practitioners	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No Yes Varies Yes No Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (Cardiff)	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No Yes No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

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Cardiff County Council

Address	Children's Services Adoption Agency	
	Trowbridge Family Centre	
	Greenway Road	
	Trowbridge CF3 1QS	
Telephone number Fax number	02920 774600	
Email address Website address	www.cardiff.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Ros Reece Service Manager of Adoption and Permanency Team	
Services provided	Counselling	NK
	Providing non-identifying information	NK
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	NK
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	NK
	Facilitate a reunion	NK
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	NK
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	NK
	Post-reunion support	NK
	Support groups	NK
Are services contracted out?		NK
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	NK
	Non-identifying information	NK
	Intermediary services	NK
	Refer to NORCAP	NK
Notes on services provided		

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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Carmarthenshire County Council

Address	Town Hall Square Llanelli SA15 3AH	
Telephone number Fax number	01267 234567	
Email address Website address	rreynolds@carmarthenshire.gov.uk www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Rhian Reynolds Specialist Adoption Officer	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes

	Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiryPost-reunion supportSupport groups	Yes Yes Varies
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (Wales) performs the majority of the above tasks.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Ceredigion Count	y Council Local Autho	rity
Address	Social Services Department Headquarters Min Aeron Vicarage Hill Ceredigion SA46 0DY	
Telephone number Fax number	01545 572673	
Email address Website address	heulwen@ceredigion.gov.uk www.ceredigion.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Heulwen Davies Service Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes No Yes Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (Wales).	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	NK NK NK
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Family Placement Team 1-2 Chapel Street

Conwy County Borough Council

Address

	Llandudno LL30 2SY	
Telephone number Fax number	01492 879078	
Email address Website address	patricia.welsh@conwy.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Trish Welsh Senior Practitioner	
		Yes NK Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Denbighshire County Council Address Children's Services Directorate of Personal Services Ty Nant, Nant Hall Road Prestatyn Denbighshire LL19 9LG **Telephone number** 01824 712200 Fax number Email address rhiain.morrlle@denbighshire.gov.uk Website address **Contact person Rhiain Morrlle** Position Senior Practitioner Services provided • Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file • Yes • Undertake a search for the adopted person Yes

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	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

relatives living abroad

Flintshire County Council Local Authority Address County Offices, Civic Buildings Wepre Drive **Connahs** Quay Deeside Flintshire CH5 4HB **Telephone number** 01352 701000 Fax number 01352 701015 Email address Liz.byrne@flintshire.gov.uk Website address www.flintshire.gov.uk **Contact person** Liz Byrne Position Resources Team Manager Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes • Undertake a search for the adopted person • Yes Facilitate a reunion Yes • Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Yes • Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry • Yes Post-reunion support Yes • Support groups No Are services contracted out? No Services for birth relatives living abroad Advice on how/where to seek counselling Yes Non-identifying information No • • Intermediary services No Refer to NORCAP No Notes on services provided

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Gwynedd Council

Local Authority

Address	Social Services Department Arfon Area Office Penrallt	
	Caernarfon LL55 1BN	
Telephone number Fax number	01286 685606 01286 682744	
Email address Website address	margaretlowe@gwynedd.gov.uk www.gwynedd.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Margaret Lowe Adoption Officer	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No No Yes Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No Yes No Yes
Notes on services provided		
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Isle of Anglesey County Council

Address	Council Offices Llangefni Isle of Anglesey LL77 7TW	
Telephone number Fax number	01248 752733 01248 752731	
Email address Website address	doyss@anglesey.gov.uk or hyess@anglesey.gov.uk www.anglesey.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Dawn Owen or Hayley Ennis Team Leaders – Child Placement	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion 	Yes Yes Yes Varies No

	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Varies No No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	No
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

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Merthyr Tydfil Bor	Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council Local Authorit	
Address	Family Placement Taf Fechan Building Castle Street Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8BG	
Telephone number Fax number	01685 724500 01685 376608	
Email address Website address	serena.williams@merthyr.gov.uk www.merthyr.gov.uk 	
Contact person Position	Nikki Smith Service Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes No Yes Yes Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No No No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Monmouthshire County Council

Address	Social & Housing Services Newbridge House, Baker Street Abergavenny Monmouthshire NP7 5HU	
Telephone number Fax number	01873 735900	
Email address Website address	www.monmouthshire.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Karl Sephton Team Manager – Children's Resource Team	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies No Yes Varies No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Service level agreement with After Adoption (Wales).	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services provided

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Neath Port Talbot County Council

Address	87 Lewis Road Neath SA11 1DJ	
Telephone number Fax number	01639 765400	
Email address Website address	a.fawsitt@npt.gov.uk www.npt.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Annamarie Fawsitt Adoption Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	NK NK Yes Varies NK Yes

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	Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiryPost-reunion supportSupport groups	NK NK NK
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	No
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

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Newport City Cou	Incil Local Auth	nority
Address	Children & Family Services The Corn Exchange High Street Newport South Wales NP20 1RN	
Telephone number Fax number	01633 235433	
Email address Website address	patricia.wiltshire@newport.gov.uk www.newport.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Patricia Wiltshire Team Manager, Adoption & Permanence Team	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Varies Yes Varies Yes Yes
Are services contracted out?	Yes – Some are. Contract with After Adoption to provide some work with individe people therefore have a choice of who to go with.	duals –
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Varies Varies Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Pembrokeshire County Council

Address	Childcare Commissioning County Hall Haverfordwest Pembrokeshire SA61 1TP	
Telephone number Fax number	01437 764551	
Email address Website address	jacqueline.wordsworth@pembrokeshire.gov.uk www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Jacqueline Wordsworth Adoption Services Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Ves No Varies Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (Wales).	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes No No
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services provided

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Powys County Council

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Address	Social Services Department Children & Families Team The Annexe, Watton Mount The Watton Brecon LD3 7DF	
Telephone number	01874 624298	
Fax number	01874 615973	
Email address Website address	jthomas@powys.gov.uk www.powys.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Christine Davis Family Placement Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	Yes Yes Yes

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	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Varies No Yes Varies Varies No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council

relatives living abroad

relatives living abroad

Address Lanelay Terrace Maesycoed Pontypridd CF37 1ER **Telephone number** 01443 490710 Fax number 01443 490711 **Email address** maureeningham@rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk Website address www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk/cid **Contact person Maureen Ingham** Position Senior Practitioner Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes • Undertake a search for the adopted person Varies • Facilitate a reunion • Yes Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Yes • Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Varies • Post-reunion support • Yes Support groups No Are services contracted out? No Services for birth relatives living abroad Advice on how/where to seek counselling Yes • Non-identifying information Yes Intermediary services Yes • Refer to NORCAP • Yes Notes on services provided Notes on services for birth

Swansea County Council

Address	Social Services Department Cockett House, Cockett Road Cockett Swansea SA2 0FJ	
Telephone number Fax number	01792 522900 01792 522893	
Email address Website address	janet.shellard@swansea.gov.uk www.swansea.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Janet Shellard Senior Adoption Officer	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No Yes No No Yes No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption (Wales).	
Services for birth relatives living abroad Notes on services provided	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No No

Notes on services provided

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Torfaen County Borough Council

Address

Social Services Department County Hall, Ground Floor Cwmbran Torfaen NP44 2WN **Telephone number** 01495 768536 Fax number Email address liz.wright@torfaen.gov.uk Website address www.torfaen.gov.uk **Contact person Liz Wright** Position Family Placement Team Manager Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes • Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes • Undertake a search for the adopted person Yes

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	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes No No
Are services contracted out?	Yes – After Adoption provides services to adoptive families and support groups.	
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	NK
	Non-identifying information	NK
	Intermediary services	NK
	Refer to NORCAP	NK
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth

relatives living abroad

Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council

Address	Children & Family Services Haydock House, 1 Holton Road Barry Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4HA	
Telephone number Fax number	01446 725202	
Email address Website address	chwilliams@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	
Contact person Position	Chris Williams Assistant Team Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes No No Yes No
Are services contracted out?	No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No No No
Notes on services provided	Services for contacting the adoptive parent and adopted person to inform them of birth relative enquiry are to be developed.	а
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad	Services for birth relatives living abroad may be developed.	

Wrexham County Borough Council

Address Social Services Department 3–5 Grosvenor Road Wrexham LL11 1DB **Telephone number** 01978 267202 Fax number Email address janet.jones@wrexham.gov.uk Website address www.wrexham.gov.uk **Contact person Janet Jones** Position Senior Practitioner, Family Placement Team Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information • Yes Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes • • Undertake a search for the adopted person No Facilitate a reunion Yes • Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry • Yes Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Yes • Post-reunion support Yes • Support groups No Are services contracted out? No Services for birth relatives living abroad • Advice on how/where to seek counselling Yes Non-identifying information Yes • Intermediary services Yes Refer to NORCAP Yes

Local Authority

Notes on services provided

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Listings of voluntary, adoption support and independent adoption agencies

offering intermediary support services in England and Wales

Adoption Matters, Chester

relatives living abroad

Area covered	Cheshire – Wirral – Halton – Warrington	
Address	14 Liverpool Road Chester CH2 1AE	
Telephone number Fax number	01244 390938 01244 390067	
Email address Website address	info@adoptionmatters.org www.adoptionmatters.org	
Contact person Position	Patricia Dalton Senior Adoption Practitioner	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided	Will undertake a search on behalf of the birth relative	
Notes on services for birth		

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Adoption Support		luntary / Adoption Support / dependent Adoption Agency
Area covered	The Midlands	
Address	Suite A, 6th Floor Albany House Hurst Street Birmingham B5 4BD	
Telephone number Fax number	0121 666 6014	
Email address Website address	adoptionsupport@tiscali.co.uk www.adoptionsupport.co.uk	
Contact person Position	Julie McBride Service Manager	
Services provided	Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for o Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion	Yes Yes contact on the adopted person's file Yes Yes

	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	Yes
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	NA
Notes on services provided		

Notes	on	services	for	birth

relatives living abroad

After Adoption	Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency	
Area covered	After Adoption aims to become a national organisation. Currently contracts with 55 local authorities across the country, encompassing the North West, Merseyside, Cumbria, and parts of the Midlands, South East, North East and Wales. The services provided depend upon After Adoption's contract with the relevant local authority. Some local authorities fund Intermediary Services for Birth Relatives. In other areas it may be possible to arrange spot-purchase or for service user to self-fund. Please contact Actionline for information.	
Address	Canterbury House 12–14 Chapel Street Manchester M3 7NH	
Telephone number Fax number	0800 056 8878 0161 832 2242	
Email address Website address	actionline@afteradoption.org.uk www.afteradoption.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Sheila Quinn Helplines Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Varies Varies Varies Varies Yes
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Varies Varies Varies Varies
Notes on services provided	Also an adoption support agency.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad	Services for birth relatives abroad depend on whether the local authority which arranged adoption contracts with After Adoption and whether birth relative can offices or access counselling locally.	visit

After Adoption Yorkshire

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Area covered	Direct service provision: the entire Yorkshire region (East Riding, West Yorkshire ar North Yorkshire) also NE Lincs (Grimsby). NB: responds to enquiries via email/telep throughout the UK.	
Address	31 Moor Road Headingley Leeds LS6 4BG	
Telephone number Fax number	0113 278 6487 0113 278 6050	
Email address Website address	info@aay.org.uk www.afteradoptionyorkshire.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Lyndsey Marshall Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes
	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes No
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

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Voluntary / Adoption Support / **Ariel Bruce Associates** Independent Adoption Agency Area covered Trace in the UK, Republic of Ireland, many European countries, the USA, Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Have also undertaken searches in the Middle East, Far East and Africa with varying levels of success. Address 24 Stanley Street Southsea Hampshire PO5 2DS **Telephone number** 02392 614583 Fax number 02392 614075 **Email address** arielbruce@aol.com Website address www.arielbruce.com **Contact person Ariel Bruce** Position Social Worker Services provided Counselling No • Providing non-identifying information No

Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file

No

Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP Independent adoption support provider – specialist in tracing. 	Yes No Yes Yes NK Yes Yes Yes
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Barnardo's	Voluntary / Adoption Supp Independent Adoption Ag	
Area covered	Have a national brief across the regions of England & Wales. We also undertake w with past users overseas.	vork
Address	Family Connections Cottage No 1, Tanners Lane Barkingside Ilford Essex IG6 1QG	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8550 2688 020 8551 8914	
Email address Website address	family.connections@barnardos.org.uk www.barnardos.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Ann Haigh Service Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Varies Varies Yes Yes
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided	Will contact the adoptive parent to inform them of a birth relative enquiry if adoptive person is under 20 years old. Will contact adopted person directly if they are over years.	
Notes on services for birth		

Blackburn Diocesan Adoption Agency

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Area covered	Lancashire, Blackpool, Blackburn with Darwen, parts of Greater Manchester that are 30 miles or less from office in Blackburn.	
Address	St Mary's House Cathedral Close Blackburn BB1 5AA	
Telephone number Fax number	01254 657759 01254 670810	
Email address Website address	adoptionagency@btconnect.com www.bdaa.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Brian Williams Director	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes No
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No No

Notes on services provided

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Boys and Girls Welfare Society

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Area covered	Are a new adoption agency and at present are covering a wide geographical area within a 50-mile radius of Stockport. Were approved as a voluntary agency in spring 2002.	
Address	250 Wellington Road South Stockport SK2 6NW	
Telephone number	0161 480 8677	
Fax number	0161 474 0860	
Email address	anne.tully@fosteringbgws.org.uk	
Website address	www.bgws.org.uk	
Contact person	Anne Tully	
Position	Adoption Practice Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Varies 	

	Facilitate a reunionContacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry	Varies Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	No
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided	As a voluntary organisation, unless is one of their families or they have a service agreement with the local authority, they would signpost on.	level
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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Catholic Care,	Voluntary / Adoption Suppo Diocese of Leeds Independent Adoption Age	
Area covered	Yorkshire, Humberside & Teeside	
Address	11 North Grange Road Headingley Leeds LS6 2BR	
Telephone number Fax number	0113 388 5400 0113 388 5401	
Email address Website address	adoption@catholic-care.org.uk www.catholic-care.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Tony Ryan Team Leader – Adoption	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion 	Yes Yes Yes /aries Yes

Services for birth relatives		Advise on how (where to seek sourcelling	Voc
	•	Support groups	No
	٠	Post-reunion support	Yes
	•	Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
		Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry	Yes

 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
Non-identifying information	Yes
Intermediary services	No
Refer to NORCAP	No

Notes on services provided

living abroad

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Yes Varies Yes Yes

Catholic Caring Services to Children & Community (Lancaster)

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Area covered	Diocese of Lancaster; North of the River Ribble, Preston, covering Lancaster, Black and Fydle coast, Cumbria, north to Carlisle.	cpool
Address	Adoption Services 218 Tulketh Road Ashton Preston Lancashire PR2 1ES	
Telephone number Fax number	01772 732313	
Email address Website address	info@catholiccaringservices.org.uk www.catholiccaringservices.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Christine Sutherland Adoption Team Leader	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Varies Varies Varies Yes Varies Yes No
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Varies Varies Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Catholic Children's Rescue Society

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Area covered	North West England	
Address	390 Parrs Wood Road Manchester M20 5NA	
Telephone number Fax number	0161 445 7741 0161 445 7769	
Email address Website address	am.bickerdike@ccrsorg.co.uk www.ccrsorg.co.uk	
Contact person Position	Anne-Marie Bickerdike Adult Post Adoption Services	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	Yes Yes Yes

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Yes
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	• Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Yes
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	Yes
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	Nc
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

Catholic Children's Society (Arundel & Brighton, Portsmouth & Southwark)

relatives living abroad

Area covered	London south of the Thames, Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire, IOW, Channel Isles, Berkshire, E. Dorset & E. Oxfordshire. Only work with section 51 and birth relative intiated contact cases where the Catholic Children's Society was involved in the adoption.	
Address	49 Russell Hill Road Purley Surrey CR8 2XB	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8668 2181 020 8763 2274	
Email address Website address	www.cathchild.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Team Manager: Post Adoption	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No Yes Yes No Yes No
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No Yes Yes
Notes on services provided	Will contact adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry if exceptional circumstances. Will contact adopted person directly if aged at least 25 years.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Catholic Children's Society (Nottinghamshire)

relatives living abroad

Catholic Children' (Nottinghamshire		
Area covered	Notts, Derbyshire, Leics, Lincs, North Lincs, NE Lincs	
Address	7 Colwick Road West Bridgford Nottingham NG2 5FR	
Telephone number Fax number	0115 955 8811	
Email address Website address	g.jackson@ccsnotts.co.uk www.ccsnotts.co.uk	
Contact person Position	Gail Jackson Senior Practitioner, Adoption Support	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Varies Yes Varies
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Varies
Notes on services provided Notes on services for birth		

Catholic Children's Society (Westminster), formerly called Crusade of Rescue Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Area covered	London boroughs north of the Thames, Hertfordshire & Essex, & north-west Surrey Services are provided only for adoptions we arranged.	<u>'</u>
Address	73 St. Charles's Square London W10 6EJ	
Telephone number Fax number	020 8969 5305	
Email address Website address	carolr@cathchild.org.uk www.cathchild.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Carol Roper Post Adoption & Care Team Leader	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	Yes Yes Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes No
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes No
Notes on services provided	Services are only provided for adoptions we arranged. Will contact adoptive par if adopted person cannot be found. Support groups planned for future. Current approach adopted adults over the age of 25.	,
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad	We try to identify a counsellor from the list held by the Registrar General.	

CCS Adoption, Catholic Children's Society (Diocese of Clifton)

relatives living abroad

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Area covered	Diocese of Clifton – Bristol, Bath + North East Somerset, Somerset, North Somerset Swindon, Wiltshire, Gloustershire, South Gloustershire	•7
Address	58 Alma Road Clifton Bristol BS8 2DJ	
Telephone number Fax number	0117 973 4253	
Email address Website address	mandy.alston@ccsadoption.org www.ccsadoption.org	
Contact person Position	Mandy Alston Social Work Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes No
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

Childlink Adoption Society

Area covered	Approx. 35 mile radius from Clapham in London	
Address	10 Lion Yard Tremadoc Road London SW4 7NQ	
Telephone number Fax number	020 7501 1700	
Email address Website address	sue.butcher@adoptchildlink.org.uk www.adoptchildlink.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Sue Butcher Post Adoption Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Coram Family

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Area covered	35 miles around London. 50 miles around Cambridge.	
Address	49 Mecklenburgh Square London WC1N 2QA	
Telephone number Fax number	020 7520 0350	
Email address Website address	adoption@coram.org.uk www.coram.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Jeanne Kaniuk Head of Adoption & Permanent Families Service	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion 	Yes Yes Yes Varies Yes

	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	No
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

relatives living abroad

DFW Adoption	Voluntary / Adoption Supp Independent Adoption Ag	
Area covered	Where DFW Adoption (or a subsidiary) was the placing agency.	
Address	Agriculture House Stonebridge Durham DH1 3RY	
Telephone number Fax number	0191 386 3719 0191 386 4940	
Email address Website address	Mediationdfw@aol.com www.dfw-adoption.org	
Contact person Position	Catriona Morris Mediation/Development Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Varies Varies Varies Yes No
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes No
Notes on services provided	Refer to NORCAP	No
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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		
Doncaster Adoption & Family Welfare Society Ltd

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Independent Adoption Agency

Area covered	Within 50 mile radius of Doncaster.	
Address	Jubilee House, 1 Jubilee Road Wheatley Doncaster South Yorkshire DN1 2UE	
Telephone number Fax number	01302 349909	
Email address Website address	info@doncaster-adoption-society.org.uk www.doncaster-adoption-society.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Collette Anne Ibbotson Director	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes No Yes No No Yes No
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No No No NA

Notes on services provided

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Families for Children Trust

Area covered	Isles of Scilly and the county areas of Cornwall, Devon and Dorset.	
Address	Glenn House 96 Old Tiverton Road Exeter EX4 6LD	
Telephone number Fax number	01392 278875 01392 427227	
Email address Website address	nick@christiancare.freeserve.co.uk www.familiesforchildren.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Nick Goodwin Deputy Director	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file 	Yes Yes Yes

	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Yes
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	No
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	 Non-identifying information 	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

relatives living abroad

Families-in-Time	Voluntary / Adoption Suppo Independent Adoption Age	
Area covered	UK and Ireland and anyone living abroad who was born and adopted in England of Wales.	r
Address	36a/37a Myddelton Street London EC1R 1UA	
Telephone number Fax number	07741 190000	
Email address Website address	famsintime@aol.com or search@familiesintime.co.uk www.familiesintime.co.uk	
Contact person Position	Jeanette King Owner	
	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Varies No No Yes Yes No Yes Yes Yes
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No Yes No
Notes on services provided	Business is mainly research and intermediary work. Counselling is provided as part of the service throughout the search for birth relatives but refer clients on to other agencies for additional support.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Father Hudson's Society

Birmingham, Coventry, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Oxfordshire, parts of Worcestershire. Area covered Welcome enquiries from all parties of our previous adoptions, regardless of geographical area. Address Coventry Road Coleshill Birmingham B46 3EB **Telephone number** 01675 434020 Fax number **Email address** origins@fatherhudsons.org.uk Website address www.fatherhudsons.org.uk Siobhan Clemons **Contact person** Position Origins Team Leader Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Yes • • Undertake a search for the adopted person Yes Facilitate a reunion Yes • Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enguiry Yes • Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry • Varies • Post-reunion support Yes Support groups Yes Services for birth relatives living abroad Advice on how/where to seek counselling Yes • Non-identifying information Yes • • Intermediary services Yes Refer to NORCAP Yes Notes on services provided Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Independent Adoption Service

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Area covered	NK	
Address	121–123 Camberwell Road London SE5 0HB	
Telephone number Fax number	020 7703 1088 020 7277 1668	
Email address Website address	admin@i-a-s.org.uk www.i-a-s.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Lesley Kettles Director	
Services provided	CounsellingProviding non-identifying information	NK NK

	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	NK
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	NK
	Facilitate a reunion	NK
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	NK
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	NK
	Post-reunion support	NK
	Support groups	NK
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	NK
	Non-identifying information	NK
	Intermediary services	NK
	Refer to NORCAP	NK
Notes on services provided		

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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

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Manchester Adopt	Voluntary / Adoption Supportion Support Independent Adoption Age	
Area covered	25 mile radius of Manchester to recruit adopters. Provides adoption support all ove country and abroad – particularly Australia.	er the
Address	Post Adoptive Services 47 Bury New Road Sedgley Park Manchester M25 9JY	
Telephone number Fax number	0161 773 0973 0161 773 2802	
Email address Website address	info@manchesteradoption.com www.manchesteradoption.com	
Contact person Position	Jean MacKenzie Adoption Worker	
	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

Natural Parents Network (NPN)

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Area covered	All of UK	
Address	11 Green Lane Garden Suburb Oldham Lancashire OL8 3AY	
Telephone number Fax number	0161 287 8737 0161 287 8737	
Email address Website address	sue_npn@onetel.net.uk www.n-p-n.fsnet.co.uk 	
Contact person Position	Sue Jackson Chairperson	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	No No No No No No Varies Varies
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No No Yes
Notes on services provided	Some post-reunion support and support groups.	

Notes on services for birth

relatives living abroad

Natural Parents Support Group

Area covered	UK, but also helps people who contact from abroad.	
Address	38 Daisey Road Birmingham B16 NDZ	
Telephone number Fax number	01977 797417	
Email address Website address	janhanler@aol.com Co-ordinator	
Contact person Position	Jan Hanler Co-ordinator	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Yes NK No Yes

	 Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes NK Varies Yes Yes
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information 	Yes No
	 Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth

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Area covered	Areas around 6 adoption projects in London, Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Horshar Middlesbrough for recruitment, UK-wide for intermediary services (plus ex-service now abroad).	
Address	Central Office 85 Highbury Park London N5 1UD	
Telephone number Fax number	020 7704 7000	
Email address Website address	daphne.carrins@nch.org.uk www.nch.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Daphne Carrins Adoption Agency Manager (Acting)	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth		

DIRECTORY OF INTERMEDIARY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR BIRTH RELATIVES

NORCAP	Voluntary / Adoption Supp Independent Adoption Age	
Area covered	Whole of UK and individuals affected by a UK adoption now living overseas.	
Address	112 Church Road Wheatley Oxon OX33 1LU	
Telephone number Fax number	01865 875000 01865 875686	
Email address Website address	enquiries@norcap.org.uk www.norcap.org.uk	
Contact person Position	no specific person – whole team able to respond to an enquiry	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes
	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes No
Notes on services provided	Provides non-identifying information under non-disclosure agreements. Will conta adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry until 2002 Act implement Sept 2005. Contacting adopted person directly varies until Sept 2005, then Yes.	
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad	Non-identifying information for birth relatives living abroad under non-disclosure agreements.	

North East Post Adoption Service

Area covered	North East region.	
Address	Royal Quays Community Centre	
	Prince Consort Way Royal Quays	
	North Shields	
	Tyne and Wear NE29 6XB	
Telephone number Fax number	0191 296 6064	
Email address	nepas@nepas.org	
Website address	www.nepas.org	
Contact person	Steve Beveridge	
Position	Project Manager	
Services provided	Counselling	Yes
	 Providing non-identifying information 	Yes

	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	Undertake a search for the adopted person	Varies
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Yes
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	Yes
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Varies
Notes on services provided		

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Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Voluntary / Adoption Support / **Norwood Jewish Adoption Association** Independent Adoption Agency The Adoption Society is a national agency but most of work is in North West London, Area covered Redbridge and Hackney. Address Broadway House 80–82 The Broadway Stanmore

Middlesex HA7 4HB

020 8420 6914

020 8420 6800

norwood@norwood.org.uk

Telephone number Fax number

Email address Website address

Website address	www.norwood.org.uk	
Contact person	Sara Lurie	
Position	Acting Manager, Fostering and Adoption Services	
	Gay Saunders	
	Manager, Intercountry Adoption Services	
Services provided	Counselling	Yes
	Providing non-identifying information	Yes
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	Undertake a search for the adopted person	Yes
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	No
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	No
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	No
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	No
	Refer to NORCAP	No

Notes on services provided

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Nugent Care Society

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Area covered	a covered Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool including the Isle of Man, Merseyside, par Lancashire, Cheshire and Greater Manchester.	
Address	Blackbrook House, Blackbrook Road St Helens Merseyside Liverpool WA11 9RJ	
Telephone number Fax number	01744 605700	
Email address Website address	fieldwork.services@nugentcare.org www.nugentcare.org	
Contact person Position	Cathy Shelton Service Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes No
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes No
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Parents and Children Together (PACT)

Area covered	Oxford Diocese – essentially Berkshire UAs, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, also those persons adopted through the agency and their relatives now outside the area.
Address	7 Southern Court South Street Reading Berkshire RG1 4QS
Telephone number Fax number	0118 938 7600
Email address Website address	info@pactcharity.org www.pactcharity.org
Contact person Position	Ann Wiffen Social Worker

Services provided	Counselling	Yes
	Providing non-identifying information	Yes
	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	e Yes
	Undertake a search for the adopted person	Varies
	Facilitate a reunion	NK
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	NK
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	NK
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling 	Yes
-	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Parents for Children

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Area covered	England & Wales, but particularly London and South East England.		
Address	253 Upper Street London N1 1RY		
Telephone number Fax number	020 7288 4320		
Email address Website address	info@parentsforchildren.co.uk www.parentsforchildren.org.uk		
Contact person Position	Guy Larrington Social Worker		
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No Yes Yes Yes No	
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	No Yes Yes Yes	
Notes on services provided			
Notes on services for birth			

relatives living abroad

Voluntary / Adoption Support / **Post Adoption Centre** Independent Adoption Agency Area covered London-based but services provided nationwide via face-to-face counselling, surgeries and telephone helpline. Address 5 Torriano Mews Torriano Avenue London NW5 2RZ **Telephone number** 020 7284 0555 Fax number Email address advice@postadoption.org.uk Website address www.postadoptioncentre.org.uk **Contact person** Rose Dagoo or Monica Bradley Position Post Adoption Counsellor Services provided Counselling Yes Providing non-identifying information Yes Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file No Undertake a search for the adopted person No • Facilitate a reunion Yes Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Varies • Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Yes • Post-reunion support • Yes Support groups Yes Services for birth relatives living abroad Advice on how/where to seek counselling Yes • Non-identifying information No •

Intermediary services

Refer to NORCAP

Notes on services provided

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Shrewsbury Diocesan Catholic Children's Society

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Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Yes

No

Area covered	Shrewsbury Diocese, consisting of the local authorities of Cheshire, Halton, Shrewsb South Manchester, Tameside,Trafford, Warrington, Wirral, Telford and Wrekin.	ury,
Address	Meeting Point House South Water Square Telford Town Centre Shropshire TF3 4JR	
Telephone number Fax number	01952 292888	
Email address Website address	bridie@cathchildsoc.org.uk www.cathchildsoc.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Bridie Croucher Social Worker	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information 	Yes Yes

	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Yes
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Yes
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	NK
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	No
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	No
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency South West Adoption Network (SWAN)

Area covered	South West England including Swindon, Wilts, Bournemouth, Devon, Torbay, Poo Gloucester, Bristol, S. Gloucester, N. Somerset, Bath and North East Somerset (11 counties).	le,
Address	Leinster House Leinster Avenue Knowle Bristol BS4 1NL	
Telephone number Fax number	0845 601 2459 0117 373 0264	
Email address Website address	admin@swan-adoption.org.uk or su@swan-adoption.org.uk www.swan-adoption.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Su O'Donnell Service Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided	Admin tel. 0117 373 0265. SWAN supports the search process for the adopted pe	erson.
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad	Services for birth relatives living abroad are charged	

DIRECTORY OF INTERMEDIARY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR BIRTH RELATIVES

Southwell Diocesan Council for Family Care

Area covered	City of Nottingham and County of Nottinghamshire and surrounding area (up to approx 1–1.5 hours travel from Nottingham base)	
Address	Warren House 2 Pelham Court Pelham Road Nottingham NG5 1AP	
Telephone number Fax number	0115 960 3010 0115 960 8374	
Email address Website address	sue.jones@familycare-nottingham.org.uk www.familycare-nottingham.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Sue Jones Adoption Services Manager	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes Varies Yes Yes
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

SSAFA Forces Help	Voluntary / Adoption Support Independent Adoption Agency	
Area covered	England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Overseas Commands (mostly Germany), Scotland – imminent.	
Address	19 Queen Elizabeth Street London SE1 2LP	
Telephone number Fax number	020 7463 9326	_
Email address Website address	patricia.l@ssafa.org.uk www.ssafa.org.uk	_
Contact person Position	Patricia Lowe Specialist Adoption Social Worker	_
Services provided •	CounsellingYeProviding non-identifying informationYe	

	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	Undertake a search for the adopted person	No
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Yes
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	No
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

St. Cuthberts Care

Area covered	Scottish border to Middlesbrough.	
Address	St. Cuthberts House West Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 7PY	
Telephone number Fax number	0191 228 0111 0191 228 0177	
Email address Website address	Postadoption@stcuthbertscare.org.uk www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Anne Brady Post Adoption Worker	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes No No
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

St. David's Children Society

Area covered	All of Wales and Herefordshire.	
Address	Bishop Brown House Durham Street Grangetown Cardiff CF11 6PB	
Telephone number Fax number	02920 667007	
Email address Website address	stdavidscs@aol.com www.adoptionwales.co.uk	
Contact person Position	Jayne Smith Birth Record Counsellor	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes No Yes Yes Varies Yes No
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes No Yes No
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth

relatives living abroad

St. Francis' Children's Society

Voluntary / Adoption Support / Independent Adoption Agency

Area covered	Northants, Beds, Bucks, Slough area of Berkshire.	
Address	Collis House	
	48 Newport Road	
	Woolstone	
	Milton Keynes MK15 0AA	
Telephone number Fax number	01908 527212	
Email address Website address	chris@sfcs.org.uk www.sfcs.org.uk	
Contact person Position	Chris Smith Director of Adoption Services	
Services provided	CounsellingProviding non-identifying information	Yes Yes

	• Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file	Yes
	 Undertake a search for the adopted person 	Yes
	Facilitate a reunion	Yes
	 Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry 	Yes
	• Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry	Varies
	Post-reunion support	Yes
	Support groups	No
Services for birth relatives		
living abroad	Advice on how/where to seek counselling	Yes
	Non-identifying information	Yes
	Intermediary services	Yes
	Refer to NORCAP	Yes
Notes on services provided		

Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

Voluntary / Adoption Support / The Children's Society Independent Adoption Agency Area covered Provides a service re. all Children's Society adoptions. Enquiries can be local, national or international. Address Post Adoption and Care Project 91 Queen's Road Peckham London SE15 2EZ **Telephone number** 020 7732 9089 Fax number 020 7277 5760 **Email address** Post-adoption-and-care-project@childrenssociety.org.uk Website address www.childrenssociety.org.uk **Contact person** Rose Wallace or Jenny Setterington Position Senior Social Work Practitioners Services provided Counselling Yes • Providing non-identifying information Yes Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person 's file Yes • Undertake a search for the adopted person • Yes Facilitate a reunion Yes Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Varies • Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Varies • Post-reunion support Yes • Support groups Yes Services for birth relatives living abroad Advice on how/where to seek counselling Yes • Non-identifying information Yes • Intermediary services • Yes Refer to NORCAP Yes Notes on services provided Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad

The Isle of Man Adoption Service

Area covered	Isle of Man but enquiries come from other areas.	
Address	3 Albany Lane Douglas Isle of Man IM2 3NS	
Telephone number Fax number	01624 625161 01624 678304	
Email address Website address	joyce.quine@mcaws.org.im www.mcaws.org.im	
Contact person Position	Donald Mathieson Adoption Worker	
Services provided	 Counselling Providing non-identifying information Facility for recording birth relative's wishes for contact on the adopted person's file Undertake a search for the adopted person Facilitate a reunion Contacting adoptive parent to inform them of birth relative enquiry Contact the adopted person directly to inform them of a birth relative enquiry Post-reunion support Support groups 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Services for birth relatives living abroad	 Advice on how/where to seek counselling Non-identifying information Intermediary services Refer to NORCAP 	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Notes on services provided		
Notes on services for birth relatives living abroad		

Useful terms explained

Adoption agency

Adoption agency is the term used for both a local authority and a voluntary adoption agency registered under the Care Standards Act 2000 (Section 2(1) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002). Both are inspected under the Care Standards Act and according to national minimum standards, although only the voluntary agencies have to be registered.

Local authority

A local authority is required to provide prescribed services by law, which includes such matters as social services, adoption and foster care services, etc.

Voluntary adoption agency

Voluntary adoption agencies do not have to provide services by law, but, when they do, they must act in accordance with the relevant regulations. Voluntary adoption agencies must be non-profit-making. They are usually funded by voluntary donations, fees charged for services they provide and/or by receiving grants from the Government.

Adoption support agency

This is a new term that has come about as a result of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. Such agencies will include what have usually been collectively referred to as post adoption agencies.

Adoption support agencies have to be registered by the Commission for Social Care Inspection (England) or the National Assembly for Wales to provide adoption support services in accordance with Section 8 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. Adoption support agencies are not registered to make arrangements for the adoption of children. The Act says that an adoption support agency may be voluntary or profit-making, and both organisations and sole practitioners providing adoption support services will be required to apply for registration as an adoption support agency. The purpose of these new provisions is to allow agencies, other than adoption agencies, to provide support services in connection with adoption while ensuring that organisations operating in the sector are properly regulated.

Independent adoption support agency is another term that is used to describe agencies or individuals offering post adoption support.

Intermediary services

An intermediary service is when a person or an organisation acts as a go-between for two or more people. See 'Questions and answers' for a more detailed explanation.

Birth relative

In this directory a birth "relative" is defined as it is in section 81 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, i.e. a person who is related to an adopted person (or would be if it were not for the adopted person's adoption) either by blood (including half-blood) or marriage.

Service level agreement and contracts

This means that one agency has an agreement for another agency to carry out certain pieces of work on their behalf, such as providing birth record counselling to adopted adults or providing intermediary services to birth relatives.

Non-disclosure agreement

This term is used to describe an agreement between two agencies which enables the one holding identifying information to disclose this to the other agency, usually to enable tracing to take place, but only on condition that the information is not disclosed to the person who has requested the service, or to anyone else.

Useful reading

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Burns, E (2003) **Adoption and Loss: The hidden grief** Stevenage: Clover Publications

Burns, E (2004) Adoption and Recovery: Solving the mystery Stevenage: Clover Publications, ISBN 0646433709

Brodzinsky, D, Schechter, M and Henig, R (1992) Being Adopted: The lifelong search for self London: Anchor Books, ISBN 0385414269

Coleman, K (1998) **Elephants Never Forget** New York: Signature Publications, ISBN 19021380606

Collins, P (1993) **Letter to Louise** London: Corgi Books, ISBN 0552137413

Douglas, A and Philpot, T (eds) (2003) **Adoption: Changing families, changing times** London: Routledge, ISBN 0415256852 (pbk) & 0415256844

Feast, J, Marwood, M, Seabrook, S and Webb, E (1998, 2nd edition)

Preparing for Reunion: Experiences from the adoption circle

London: The Children's Society, ISBN 1899783091

Feast, J and Philpot, T (2003) Searching Questions: Identity, origins and adoption London: BAAF, ISBN 1903699479

Howe, D and Feast, J (2000) Adoption Search and Reunion: The long-term experience of adopted adults London: BAAF, ISBN 189978330X

Howe, D, Sawbridge, P and Hinings, D (1998 new edition) Half a Million Women: Mothers who lose their children by adoption London: Post Adoption Centre, ISBN 0952919702

Iredale, S (1997) Reunions London: The Stationery Office, ISBN 0117021504 Krementz, J (1991) How It Feels to be Adopted London: Gollancz Children's, ISBN 0575051825

Lifton, B and Lifton, J (1995) Journey of the Adopted Self New York: Basic Books, ISBN 0465036759

March, K (1995) **The Stranger Who Bore Me: Adoptee-birth mother relationships** Toronto: University of Toronto Press, ISBN 0802072356

Mullender A, Kearn, S (1997)

I'm Here Waiting: Birth relatives' views on part II of the Adoption Contact Register for England and Wales London: BAAF, ISBN 18738684103

NORCAP (1998) Searching for Family Connections Wheatley: NORCAP, ISBN 0950990159

Perl, L and Markham, S (1999)

"Why wasn't I told?" Making sense of the late discovery of adoption Sydney, NSW: Post Adoption Resource Centre New South Wales, ISBN 0957714505

Powell, S and Warren, J **The Easy Way Out?** London: Minerva Press, ISBN 1861060580

Rockel, J and Ryburn, M (1988) **Adoption Today** London: Heinemann Reed, ISBN 079000067

Saffian, S (1999) Ithaka: A daughter's memories of being found New York: Delta Books, ISBN 03853345016

Stafford, G (1993) Where to Find Adoption Records London: BAAF, ISBN 187386809X

Treacher, A and Katz, I (eds) (2000) **The Dynamics of Adoption: Social and personal perspectives** London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, ISBN 1853027820

Trinder, L, Feast, J and Howe, D (2004) **The Adoption Reunion Handbook** Chichester: Wiley, ISBN 0470094222 Triseliotis, J (1973) In Search of Origins: The experience of adopted people London: Routledge, Kegan and Paul, ISBN 0710075340

Tugendhat, J (1992) **The Adoption Triangle** London: Bloomsbury, ISBN 074705105

Verrier, N (1991) **The Primal Wound** (Available by post from The Post Adoption Centre) London: Gateway, ISBN 0963648004

Wadia-Ellis, S (1996) The Adoption Reader: Birth mothers, adoptive mothers and adopted daughters tell their stories London: Women's Press, ISBN 0704344955

Wells, S (1994) Within Me, Without Me London: Scarlet Press, ISBN 1857270428

Many organisations such as NORCAP, Natural Parents Network and Adoption UK publish newsletters that include personal stories of adoption, search and reunion (see following page).

Useful addresses

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICES

Registrar General (England and Wales)

The General Register Office Adoptions Section Smedley Hydro Trafalgar Road Southport Merseyside PR8 2HH Tel. 0151 471 4313

The General Register Office for Scotland

New Register House 3 West Register Street Edinburgh EH1 3YT Tel. 0131 334 0380

Registrar General (Northern Ireland)

Oxford House 49–55 Chichester Street Belfast BT1 4HL Tel. 02890 252000

Family Records Centre

1 Myddelton Street London EC1R 1UW Tel. 0845 603 7788 www.familyrecords.gov.uk/frc

OTHER USEFUL ORGANISATIONS

Adoption UK

46 The Green South Bar Street Banbury Oxon OX16 9AB Tel: 01295 752240 www.adoptionuk.org.uk

BAAF Head Office

Skyline House 200 Union Street London SE1 0LX Tel: 020 7593 2000 www.baaf.org.uk

BAAF Cymru

7 Cleeve House Lambourne Crescent Cardiff CF14 5GP Tel: 02920 761155

BAAF Scotland

40 Shandwick Place Edinburgh EH2 4RT Tel: 0131 220 4749

Natural Parents Network

Natural Parents Network Garden Suburb Oldham Lancashire OL8 3AY Tel: 01273 307597 www.n-p-n.fsnet.co.uk

NORCAP – supporting adults affected by adoption

112 Church Road Wheatley Oxfordshire OX33 1LU Tel: 01865 875000 www.norcap.org.uk

The Adoption and Children Act 2000 represents the most radical overhaul of adoption law for nearly three decades. It has brought in many welcome changes that are intended to help improve adoption services for children and their families by birth and adoption. For the first time, the legislation now recognises the needs of birth relatives who want the opportunity to let their adult adopted relative know of their interest for contact.

Although some adoption agencies have provided intermediary services for birth relatives for many years, the availability and the extent of the services offered has remained something of a postcode lottery. The changes to the law mean that all people will be able to access a service, regardless of where they live.

This Intermediary Support Services Directory is the first of its kind. It provides information on every local authority, voluntary adoption agency, adoption support agency and independent adoption support agency in England and Wales, how to contact them and the services they provide. It also includes more information about the recent changes in legislation and the service people should expect to receive, along with useful resources and a reading list.

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