Adoption Support Plan

Adoption Support Services (Local Authorities) Regulations 2005

This Document should be attached to the Adoption Placement Report.

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| **For each of the following headings below please state what the anticipated needs are for the future and what the proposals are for adoption support.**  **Add more detailed information if needed to the relevant section**  **Please refer to those involved by name only** |

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| **Health Needs (State specific health needs)** |
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| **Services to be provided** |
| ……………….…………**insert name of child’s social worker** will ensure all medical records are transferred following placement. Prior to an Adoption Order being granted, **insert child’s Social Worker** will remain responsible for providing support to **insert child’s name** within the adoptive placement.    ………………………. …**insert name of prospective adopter** to ensure **insert child’s name** is registered with GP, Dentist and Optician and other relevant health services.  …………………………. **Insert name of children’s social worker**, to ensure that **insert name of prospective adopters** are supported with the transition of health service and to provide the equivalent support to **insert name of prospective adopters** to maintain the placement. |
| **Timescale and Review** |
| Prior to an Adoption Order being granted, **insert child’s name** health and development will be reviewed as part of the home visits carried out by **insert names of child’s social worker and adoption social worker**, and will also be discussed as part of the child’s review, with the first review being held within 28 days of **insert child’s name** being placed with **insert prospective adopters’ names**. This will be reviewed during ongoing reviews until the granting of an Adoption Order.  Within the first three years of the Adoption Order being granted, **insert prospective adopters’ names** will be entitled to approach the placing agency’s Permanency Support Team for an assessment of their support needs if there is a change which may determine an increase in **insert child’s name** support needs; the provision of support at this stage will be assessed in light of this.  After three years the adopters can approach the Regional Adoption Agency in the area in which they are living for advice and information on how to access additional support. |

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| **Education needs (state specific education needs). Attach IEP, SEN, PEP – Check with Virtual Head when placing school age children** |
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| **Services to be provided** |
| It is proposed that **child’s name** educational needs will be met by the Local Education Authority and Education Services.  ………………… ……..**insert child’s social worker’s name**  will remain responsible up until the granting of an Adoption Order for providing support to **insert child’s name** whilst in the care of **insert name of prospective adopters** and will support them with any issues re educational services, if needed.    ………………………. **Insert name of prospective adopters** to ensure **insert child’s name** is registered with age appropriate educational facility.  ………………………. **Insert name of adoption social worker**, to provide the equivalent support to **inset name of** **prospective adopters** to maintain the placement. |
| **Timescale and Review** |
| Prior to an Adoption Order being granted, **child’s name** education will be reviewed as part of the home visits carried out by **insert names of child’s social worker and adoption social worker** , and will also be discussed as part of **name of child** review, with the first review being held within 28 days of **child’s name** being placed with **insert prospective adopters’ names**. This will be reviewed regularly by **insert name of child’s Independent Reviewing Officer** until the making of an Adoption Order.  **Child’s name** may be entitled to Pupil Premium Plus to raise attainment and achievement as a child with an allocated social worker. Following the granting of an Adoption Order **child’s name** may still be entitled to Pupil Premium Plus but **name of prospective adopters** will have to self- declare this.  **insert name of prospective adopters** may also be able to seek additional support with regards to education from their Local Education Authority, if this is required.  Within the first three years of the Adoption Order being granted, **insert name of prospective adopters** will be entitled to approach the placing agency’s Permanency Support Team for an assessment of their support needs if there is a change which may determine an increase in **insert child’s name** support needs; the provision of support at this stage will be assessed in light of this.  After three years the adopters can approach the Regional Adoption Agency in the area in which they are living for advice and information on how to access additional support. |

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| **Emotional, behavioural and Attachment Needs**  Consideration to be given to any possible therapeutic intervention that may be required. This will require details. |
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| **Services to be provided** |
| Should there be any significant issues in the future regarding **child’s name** emotional or behavioural development or attachment needs, universal services accessible via the GP, Health Visitor or School would need to be explored in the first instance in consultation with the involved Social Workers.  ……………….…… ……**insert name of child’s social worker** will remain responsible of supporting the **insert child’s name** up until the granting of an Adoption Order.  …………………………. **Insert name of adoption social worker**, to provide the equivalent support to **the name of prospective adoptive parents** to maintain the placement.  …………………………. **insert prospective adopters’ names** will be responsible for ensuring insert **child’s name** emotional and behavioural needs are met and managed effectively, age appropriately. |
| **Timescale and Review** |
| Prior to an Adoption Order being granted, **child’s name** emotional and behaviouralneeds will be reviewed as part of the home visits carried out by **insert names of child’s social worker and adoption social worker** and will also be discussed as part of **child’s name** review, with the first review being held within 28 days of **insert child’s name** being placed with **insert prospective adopters’ names**. This will be reviewed regularly by **insert name of child’s Independent Reviewing Officer** until the granting of an Adoption Order.  Within the first three years of the Adoption Order being granted, **insert name of prospective adopters** will be entitled to approach the placing agency’s Permanency Support Team for an assessment of their support needs if there is a change which may determine an increase in **insert** **child’s name** support needs; the provision of support at this stage will be assessed in light of this.  After three years the adopters can approach the Regional Adoption Agency in the area in which they are living for advice and information on how to access additional support. |

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| **Identity needs** |
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| **Services to be provided** |
| ………………… ……. **insert names of child’s social worker** will remain responsible up until the granting of an Adoption Order for providing support to **insert child’s name, and name of prospective adopters** as appropriate.    ……………………….i**nsert name of adoption social worker**, to provide the equivalent support to **the name of prospective adopters** to maintain the placement.  ………………………**. insert** **names of prospective adopters** will be responsible for promoting **insert child’s name** identity needs in a manner that is appropriate for **him/her** and **his/her** understanding. They will be able to age appropriately support the development and understanding of his/her identity.  **name of the prospective adopters** are in agreement that they will retain the child’s first name and recognise the importance of this. |
| **Timescale and Review** |
| Prior to an Adoption Order being granted, **child’s name** identity needs will be reviewed as part of the home visits carried out by **insert names of child’s social worker and adoption social worker** and will also be discussed as part of **name of child** Review, with the first review being held within 28 days of **insert child’s name** being placed with **insert prospective adopters names**. The child’s reviews will remain in place until the granting of an Adoption Order.  Within the first three years of the Adoption Order being granted, **insert prospective adopters name** will be entitled to approach the placing agency’s Permanency Support Team for an assessment of their support needs if there is a change which may determine an increase in **insert child’s name** support needs; the provision of support at this stage will be assessed in light of this.  After three years the adopters can approach the Regional Adoption Agency in the area in which they are living for advice and information on how to access additional support. |

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| **Contact Arrangements** |
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| **Services to be provided – State which agency has agreed budgetary responsibility** |
| **Name of the placing Local Authority** will be responsible for ensuring their internal Post Box procedures, including setting up of contact arrangements is put in place. This will be **insert workers name** from **insert team name.**  **.**  …………………. **Insert** **Name of prospective adopters** will be responsible for ensuring the post box contact arrangement is maintained.  Until the granting of the Adoption Order, contact arrangements will be reviewed as part of the review process.  Following that time **insert prospective adopters’ name** can request a review of the postbox contact arrangements at any time if they feel that these are not in **insert child’s name** best interest.  For any contact agreement issues, changes to circumstances, including address changes will need to be shared with the Post Box Service. |
| **Timescale and Review** |
| Prior to an Adoption Order being granted, **child’s name** contact arrangements will be reviewed as part of the home visits carried out by **insert names of child’s social worker and adoption social worker** and will also be discussed within **child’s name** review. The first review being held within 28 days of **insert child’s name** being placed with **insert prospective adopters’ names**. Regular reviews will take place until the granting of an Adoption Order.  Within the first three years of the Adoption Order being granted, **insert prospective adopters name** will be entitled to approach the placing agency’s Permanency Support Team should there be any issues with the contact arrangements.  After three years the adopters can approach the Regional Adoption Agency in which they are living for advice and information on how to access additional support. |

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| **Financial and practical support – State which agency has agreed budgetary responsibility**  *(will the child be eligible for support via means tested regular payments, if yes, to be reviewed yearly and adopters have a responsibility to inform the placing authority of any change in circumstances)* |
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| **Services to be provided – State which agency has agreed budgetary implications** |
| *Note: Consider therapeutic interventions costs i.e. application to the ASF* |
| **Timescale and Review** |
| For three years after the Adoption Order is granted **insert prospective adopters’ names** will be entitled to approach the placing agency’s Permanency Support Team for an assessment of their support needs if there is a change which may determine an increase insert  **child’s name** needs and which alters his/her requirements. The provision of support at that stage would be assessed in light of this.  After three years the adopters can approach the Regional Adoption Agency in which they are living for advice and information on how to access additional support. |

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| **Universal benefits to be claimed by Prospective adopters** |
| Tax Credits  (Adopters will be responsible for claiming these benefits. Application forms are available via HRMC website – [www.hrmc.gov.uk](http://www.hrmc.gov.uk)) |
| **Expenses to be considered by the placing authority** |
| Mileage for introductions  Accommodation during introductions  Court fee for lodging application for an Adoption Order  Other expenses incurred (please list) |

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| **Adoption Support Services offered by the family’s adoption agency** |
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| Point of contact available long term for advice and information and onward referral as necessary |
| Group Meetings with other adopters |
| Workshops / training courses  e.g., attachment, life story, managing difficult behaviour |
| Opportunity to keep in touch through a Newsletter or regular social events |
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| Specific Support Services to be provided to adoptive family (e.g., birth children, other members of the household, grandparents) |
| Details |
| Support for birth children/other members of the adoptive family |
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| Specific Support Services to be provided to birth relatives (e.g., birth parents siblings, grandparents etc.) e.g., Types of support, direct sibling contact, direct work with siblings, birth parent support service |
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| Birth Parent support |
| Support will be provided through the Regional Adoption Agency (Birth Parent Support) |
| Post Box Contact |
| The Regional Adoption Agency will provide support for Post Box services |
| Direct Contact |
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| **Any issues or observations the Prospective Adopters may wish to have taken into account** |
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| **Any comments prospective adopters may wish to make regarding the proposed Adoption Support Plan** |
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| **SIGNATURES CONTACT DETAILS** | | | |
| **Prospective Adopter** |  | **Date** |  |
| **Prospective Adopter** |  | **Date** |  |
| **Prospective Adopter’s Social Worker** |  | **Date** |  |
| **Adoption Team Manager** |  | **Date** |  |
| **Permanency Practitioner (Family Finder)**  *Only for Adoption Placement Report* |  | **Date** |  |
| **Child’s Social Worker** |  | **Date** |  |
| **Children’s Team Manager** |  | **Date** |  |

**Add Adoption Agency Details**