

## *Questions you may have*

What do I do now?  
What is the Contact Register?  
How do I oppose the plan?  
Can I still stay in touch?  
What happens in Court?  
Will they forget me?  
What happens after adoption?  
What happens if I agree to the adoption plan?  
How do I find a solicitor?  
What does a Children's Guardian do?  
If the plan goes ahead, can I have a say in the  
choice of adoptive family?

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An independent  
support service  
for birth relatives  
affected by  
adoption

***Please read this leaflet and see if  
we can help***

### *We can*

- Talk with you about what adoption means and answer your questions
- Listen to you and your views
- Explain what happens in Court
- Support you while the Court considers the child's future and afterwards
- Help you to provide information which will be helpful for the child in the future

### *We can't*

- Change the plan for the child
- Represent you in Court

### *You can*

- Come to us for information or help before or after an adoption order is made
- Meet with us in a neutral venue for a one-off meeting or a series of sessions.

### *Why another social worker?*

Cheshire Social Services wish to offer you the opportunity to be supported by a social worker who has not made the plans for the child.

### *Why us?*

We do not work for Social Services, so we can offer confidential support just to you.

### *Who are we?*

We are an independent social work agency which covers the whole of Cheshire.

We have experience of working with children and families.

### *If you are interested*

You can contact us directly on 01244 390938

Or

Speak to the child's social worker who can contact us on your behalf.