

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 West and Chester 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.