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## Birth parent support

Independent & confidential support  
for the birth parents of children  
whose plan is adoption

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**adoption**

The independent support worker for birth parents is based in the Post Adoption Team. This means that they are NOT involved in court proceedings relating to the adoption of your child.

## What we do

- We offer birth parents a safe place to talk about what adoption means for you and your child/ren.
- We will listen to your feelings about adoption face to face.

## What we don't do

- We cannot change the plan for your child, or stop the adoption.
- We cannot represent you in court.
- We cannot keep information confidential if it relates to current or past concerns about the safety of your child/ren.



## We can offer up to six sessions that focus on:

- Helping you understand the legal process for your child.
- Giving you general information about the recruitment, training and assessment of adopters.
- Explaining the process of matching your child with their adopters and how they will be introduced and placed.
- Helping you to understand the importance of sharing information, about you and your child's history. This information will help your children now and in the future.
- Helping you to understand the post-box system.

If you feel this service may help you, speak to the Social worker for your child who will make a referral on your behalf. Once this has been done a Support Worker will contact you to arrange a suitable time and place to meet.