

## **INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE ADOPTERS AND PRIVACY NOTICE**

**May 2018**

### **What is the Wales Adoption Register**

The Wales Adoption Register is a family finding service that contains a data base of the children waiting for adoptive families and approved prospective adopters who are available. We use the information on the database to create potential matches between children and prospective adopters. We also hold a range of innovative family finding activities. These events provide opportunities for prospective adopters to be proactive in the family finding process and gives prospective adopters direct access to information about children waiting to be matched.

The Wales Adoption Register is operated by the National Adoption Service for Wales on behalf of Welsh Government.

### **How the Wales Adoption Register works for children.**

We aim to reduce the length of time children wait for an adoptive family by working closely with all Adoption Agencies across Wales. When the child's plan for adoption has been confirmed, his or her social worker will try to find an adoptive family in the child's region. However, if after a maximum period of three months, no family is found the social worker will refer the child's details to the Wales Adoption Register. Regular searches of the database occur to look for potential matches with prospective adopters across Wales as well as featuring the children at family finding events.

### **How the Wales Adoption Register work for Prospective Adopters**

Once you have been approved by an adoption agency, every effort will be made to match you with a child or children. It may be that a child has already been identified by your agency and if so your social worker will register your details with the Wales Adoption Register for statistical purposes. This is to enable the National Adoption Service to maintain an overview about the need for adoptive placements and to identify changes we may need to make to our future practice.

If a match has not been found within a maximum of three months of being approved as an adoptive parent your social worker will send a referral to the Wales Adoption Register along with , your Prospective Adopter's Report (PAR) and a brief profile.

Should you be identified as a suitable link for a child, the child's social worker will send your information and your profile on the register will be placed 'on hold for a maximum of three weeks. If the social worker decides that the link may be suitable, discussions will take place between you and your adoption agency. If the link does not proceed your details will become available again for further links with waiting children.

## **Consent and Confidentiality.**

Your social worker will complete a referral/registration form. You will be asked to sign consent to you information being provided to the Wales Adoption Register. All your information is recorded and stored in a way that is compliant with Data Protection legislation and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Your information will be kept and used for family finding purposes and will be removed from the Wales Adoption Register and securely deleted and disposed of when this is no longer required. You can also choose to withdraw your consent to having your details on the Wales Adoption Register at any time by contacting us.

## **Inter Register Protocol**

The Wales Adoption Register is a signatory to an Inter-Register Protocol with England, Northern Ireland and Scotland, which allows for referral arrangements with the other devolved Registers if specific criteria are met in accordance with the needs of both adopters and children

## **Contact**

We operate a helpline five days a week, Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 1.00pm.

Telephone     **029 2087 3799**

Email            walesadoptionregister@adoptcymru.com

Website        [www.adoptcymru.com/wales-adoption-register](http://www.adoptcymru.com/wales-adoption-register)

Address        County Hall  
                  Atlantic Wharf  
                  Cardiff  
                  CF10 4UW

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## CONSENT TO REFERRAL TO THE WALES ADOPTION REGISTER

I / We have been given information about the Wales Adoption Register and understand the referral/registration process .

I / We give / do not give consent to being referred/registered to the Wales Adoption Register for family finding activities.

(Please delete as appropriate)

Please print the following details:-

**Name(s):**

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**Address:**

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**Signature(s):**

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**Date:**

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**Signature of Social  
Worker:**

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**Date**

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**Agency:**

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**This form will be retained by the approving agency and will not be sent to the Wales Adoption Register.**