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**What we do?**

We aim to provide advice and support to all birth family members affected by adoption, which meets their individual needs.

# Having your say?

We seek to involve birth parents and ascertain their views when adoption is the recommended plan for their child. They will be invited to attend and contribute to looked after and accommodated child reviews and a meeting with a panel member prior to the adoption and permanence panel.

Parents’ views will be sought on their cultural, religious and linguistic

preferences for the child’s upbringing.

We aim to offer advice and counselling to parents whose children will be placed with adoptive parents.

# Support and advice

We aim to offer advice and counselling to birth family members whose children will be placed with adoptive parents.

We aim to offer practical support to birth family members eg attending health appointments.

We aim to link in with other services to ensure support provided meets the

birth family members individual needs.

# Life story and contact

Birth families remember their children and often wonder how they are for years after their adoption. They can benefit greatly from reassurance that the child is safe and well. Many also like to have up to date information about the child even though they no longer live with them. We aim to offer support to birth family members to write letters to their child and provide information for the child to have a good understanding of their birth family.