

Barnardo's Family History Service Adoption



Legal adoption became possible in 1926 in England and Wales and 1930 in Scotland.

It is now possible for people over the age of 18, born and adopted in England or Wales, to be given information to help them to obtain their original birth certificate.

Anyone adopted before the 12th November 1975 has, by law to attend an interview with an Adoption Counsellor before the information is given.

The application form CA8 and booklet ACR100 available from the General Register Office explains the procedure.

If you were adopted after 11th November 1975 you can send for the application form CA14 and booklet ACR100. Your birth details will be sent to you or if you wish you can have the services of an Adoption Counsellor. People living outside the U.K should apply for booklets ACR101 and ACR114.

Adoption certificates are issued by the Registrar General's Office after an adoption has been recorded in the Adopted Children's Register. They replace any certificates of the original birth record.

The form and correct payment (details of which can be found on the following website: <http://www.direct.gov.uk/>) should then be sent to:

General Register Office
Adoptions
Trafalgar Road
Southport
Merseyside PR8 2HH

There is a priority service for urgent adoption certificates obtainable the next day. For more information, please visit their website.

If your birth and adoption took place in Scotland enquiries should be made to:

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE FOR SCOTLAND

New Register House
3 West Register Street
Edinburgh EH1 3YT
SCOTLAND

Tel: 0131 334 0380

If your birth and adoption took place in Northern Ireland enquiries should be made to:

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

Oxford House
49-55 Chichester Street
Belfast, BT1 4HL
Northern Ireland

Tel: 028 90 252000



Other addresses which may be helpful:

**THE ADOPTION CONTACT REGISTER
and Access to Birth Records**

Adoption Section
Room C202
General Register Office
Trafalgar Road
Southport
PR8 2HH

Tel: 0151 471 4252
Fax: +44 (0) 151 471 4755

Lists names of adoptees (over 18) and birth relatives who wish to make contact. The cost is £15.00 for an adopted person and £30.00 for a relative.

BIRTH LINK

21 Castle Street
Edinburgh, EH2 3DN
Scotland

Tel: 0131 225 6441
Email: mail@birthlink.org.uk

Works with adoptees and birth relatives who wish to make contact, where either birth or adoption took place in Scotland.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR ADOPTION & FOSTERING

B.A.A.F Saffron House 6-10 Kirby House
London EC1N 8TS

Tel: 0207 421 2600
Fax: 0207 421 2601
Email: mail@baaf.org.uk

B.A.A.F publishes "Where to find Adoption Records" by Georgina Stafford. This may be available in your local Reference Library. They can supply a list of major adoption societies.

AAA NORCAP

(NATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR COUNSELLING OF ADOPTEES AND PARENTS)

112 Church Road, Wheatley
Oxford, OX33 1LU

Tel: 01865 875000

**REGIONAL POST ADOPTION SPECIALIST SERVICES
ENGLAND**

POST ADOPTION CENTRE

5 Torriano Mews
Torriano Avenue
London NW5 2RZ

Tel: 0207 284 0555
Advice Line:
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri. 10.30-1.30
Thur. 5.30-7.30

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AFTER ADOPTION MANCHESTER

12-14 Chapel Street
Salford
Manchester
M3 7NN

Tel: 0161 839 4930

Advice Line:

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 10.30-1.30

Thur. 10.00-7.30

WEST MIDLANDS POST ADOPTION SERVICE

Albany House
Hurst Street
Birmingham
B5 4BD

Tel: 0121 666 6014

AFTER ADOPTION YORKSHIRE (YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE)

31 Moor Road
Headingley
Leeds
LS6 4BG

Tel: 0113 278 6487

Helpline: 0113 230 2100

Advice Line:

Mon, Thur. 10.00-12.00 & 1.30-3.00

Wed. 1.30-3.30 & 5.30-7.30

Fri. 10.00-12.00

Info@afteradoption.org.uk

DFW ADOPTION (formerly DURHAM DIOCESAN FAMILY WELFARE COUNCIL)

Agriculture House
Stonebridge
Durham
DH1 3RY

Tel: +44 (0)191 3863719

Fax: +44 (0)870 7058447

Email: office@dfw.org.uk

NOTTINGHAM AFTER ADOPTION SUPPORT

Melrose House
Waverly Street
Nottingham
NG7 4HF

Tel: 0115 978 7376

Advice Lane: Mon. 9.30-1.00

Tues 6.00-9.00. Thurs 1.00-4.00

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WALES **AFTER ADOPTION**

Ground Floor Offices
Penhevad Studios
Grangetown
Cardiff
CF11 7LU

Tel: 01222 575711
Advice Line:
Mon. 11.00-2.00
Tue 2.00-5.00, Wed 7.00-9.00

SCOTLAND **BIRTH LINK**

21 Castle Street
Edinburgh
EH2 3DN

Tel: 0131 225 6441
Telephone in office hours
Email: mail@birthlink.org.uk

BARNARDO'S SCOTTISH ADOPTION ADVICE SERVICE

Suite 5/3 Skypark S5P
45 Finnieston Street
Glasgow, Scotland G3 8JU

Tel: 0141 248 7530
Advice Line: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
9.30-4.30, Wed 9.30-7.00

NORTHERN IRELAND

SOUTH & EAST BELFAST HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST

Knockbracken Healthcare Park,
Saintfield Road
Belfast
BT8 8BH

Tel: 028 90 565656
028 90 402121
Telephone in office hours

EIRE

BARNARDO'S ADOPTION ADVICE SERVICE

Christchurch Square
Dublin 8
Eire

Tel: 003531 4546388
Advice Line: Tue 2.00-5.00
Thur 10.00-2.00
Christine Hennersey/Patricia White

ISLE OF MAN

MANX CHURCHES ADOPTION & WELFARE SOCIETY

3 Albany Road
Douglas
Isle of Man
IM2 3NS

Tel: 01624 625161
Advice Line:
Tue, Wed, Thur 10.00-3.00