



# Herefordshire Adoption Agency Support Services

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## Herefordshire Council offers a service to people in the county who are affected by adoption.

- Adoptive parents
- Adopted children and young people
- Adopted adults
- Birth relatives of people who have been adopted

### How can we help adoptive families?

We can offer:

- Support and advice on adoption issues such as attachment, education, health, behavioural problems, talking about adoption, life story work, parenting adopted children
- A letterbox service which facilitates written contact between adoptive families and birth relatives
- Help with contact issues
- Workshops and training
- Support groups
- Regular newsletters
- Information about other services and agencies
- Family days
- Assessment of support needs.

You can request an assessment for support if you live in Herefordshire and have adopted a child from this agency, or adopted a child from another agency more than three years ago. You may also request an assessment if you adopted a child from Herefordshire less than 3 years ago, but do not live in the county. This includes an assessment for financial support. The decision to provide financial support is based on the child's needs, available resources and the adopters circumstances.

### How can we help adopted adults?

Our services for adopted adults are provided in partnership with Adoption Support, an independent agency that provides a service covering Herefordshire.



They include:

- Help with obtaining information from adoption records
- Advice about tracing birth family members
- Acting as a link between you and birth relatives
- Advice and support before or after a reunion

### How can we help birth relatives of people who have been adopted?

The following services for birth relatives are also provided in partnership with Adoption Support:

- Advice about contact with your child
- Confidential support to help you cope with your loss
- Advising you if your child wants to trace you
- Assisting you to renew contact with adopted relatives who are now adults (intermediary services)
- Advice or support before or after a reunion

We provide a letterbox service which facilitates written contact between adoptive families and birth relatives (for children under 18)

If you would like further information about any of our services you can contact an adoption social worker on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9.30am and 1pm on 01432 383240. You can also email us on

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