

Overview of adoption process

Enquiry stage

- Gathering information
- Attending a PACT Information Event
- Choosing an Agency
- Initial interview with a PACT social worker

Stage One - to be completed within 8 weeks

- Complete a Registration of Interest Form
- Statutory checks made (including DBS, local authority & medicals)
- References obtained
- Attend four days Preparation Course
- Undertake some initial preparation and reading

Stage Two - to be completed within 16 weeks

- Home Study Assessment with your allocated social worker
- Home Study Report presented to Adoption Panel
- Further training for you and your family

Family finding

- Linking you with a child(ren)
- Matching Panel Approval
- Introductions – visits (around 10 to 14 days) to enable you get to know your child(ren)
- Placement of child(ren) in your home

Establishing your family

- Becoming parents
- Support and reviews
- Legal Adoption Order and Celebration hearing (3 - 12 months after placement)

Ongoing adoption placement support

- Continuing training
- Support groups and family fun days
- Access to FACTS therapeutic services



PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER