



Overview of the adoption process

Enquiry stage

- Gathering information
- Attending a PACT Information Event
- Choosing an agency
- Initial Information Call with a PACT Enquiries Officer
- Information Sharing Meeting 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 and medicals)
- References obtained
- Attend a 4 day Preparation Course
- Undertake some initial preparation and reading
- Voluntary work with children (ongoing)

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 to 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 to 12 months after placement)

Ongoing adoption placement support

- Continuing training
- Support groups and Family Fun Days
- Access to FACTS therapeutic services