

## Fostering and Adoption Service

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<b>Opening Times:</b>	9.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday – Thursday 9.00 am – 4.30 pm Friday

**Service aims:** The Service is a Registered Adoption Agency that assesses, approves and supports adopters, provides a report to Court in step parent adoptions, undertakes preparation work including therapeutic work for children where adoption is considered to be in their best interests, arranges independent support for birth parents and provides advice to adopted people wishing to access their birth details. The Service is a member of the Wessex Consortium that oversees reciprocal arrangements around children's placements for adoption across the region. The Service also provides post adoption support to children and their families that may include counselling, advice, financial help, advocacy or a range of practical assistance. The service acts in an advisory capacity to Children's Services and other Services on adoption matters.

**To access the support:** To access support contact can be made direct to the team on telephone number 814370.

**Method of support:**

- Assessment Work**  
For prospective adopters and for adoptive parents, birth relatives wishing to receive post adoption support
- Therapeutic Work**  
With children and young people
- Training**  
Internal and external training offered for adopters
- Advice**  
To adopted people wishing to access birth information