



Adoption Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 36

PART I

THE ADOPTION SERVICE

Welfare of children

6 Duty to promote welfare of child.

In reaching any decision relating to the adoption of a child a court or adoption agency shall have regard to all the circumstances, first consideration being given to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child throughout his childhood; and shall so far as practicable ascertain the wishes and feelings of the child regarding the decision and give due consideration to them, having regard to his age and understanding.

7 Religious upbringing of adopted child.

An adoption agency shall in placing a child for adoption have regard (so far as is practicable) to any wishes of a child's parents and guardians as to the religious upbringing of the child.

Status:

Point in time view as at 26/10/2000.

Changes to legislation:

Adoption Act 1976, Cross Heading: Welfare of children is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 16 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.