

*These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act 2002
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ADOPTION AND CHILDREN ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – Adoption

Chapter 3 - Placement for Adoption and Adoption Orders

Section 58: Disclosure of other information

168. *Section 58* provides for the disclosure of information held under *section 56* which is not defined as protected information. *Subsection (2)* enables an agency to disclose this information to any person for the purposes of its functions. This could, for example, be background information about the child's progress to be disclosed to his birth family, without disclosing his new identity or his whereabouts. *Subsection (3)* provides that an adoption agency must disclose prescribed information to a prescribed person in prescribed circumstances.