
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Adoption Support Agencies (England) and Adoption Agencies (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005

PART 1

GENERAL

Statement of purpose and children's guide

5.—(1) The registered person shall compile in relation to the agency a written statement which shall consist of a statement as to the matters listed in Schedule 1 (“statement of purpose”).

(2) The registered person shall provide a copy of the statement of purpose to the registration authority.

(3) The registered person shall make a copy of the statement of purpose available, upon request, for inspection by—

- (a) any person working for the purposes of the agency;
- (b) any person receiving adoption support services from the agency or acting on behalf of a child receiving such services from the agency;
- (c) any person making enquiries about receiving adoption support services from the agency on his own or a child's behalf;
- (d) any local authority.

(4) The registered person in relation to an agency which provides adoption support services to children shall produce a written guide to the agency (“children's guide”) which shall include—

- (a) a summary of the agency's statement of purpose;
- (b) a summary of the complaints procedure; and
- (c) the address and telephone number of the registration authority.

(5) The children's guide shall be produced in a form appropriate to the age, understanding and communication needs of the children to whom the agency provides adoption support services.

(6) The registered person shall provide a copy of the children's guide to the registration authority, to any adult acting on behalf of a child to whom the agency provides adoption support services and (subject to his age and understanding) to each such child.

(7) Subject to paragraph (8), the registered person shall ensure that the agency is at all times conducted in a manner that is consistent with its statement of purpose.

(8) Nothing in paragraph (7) shall require or authorise the registered person to contravene, or not comply with—

- (a) any other provision of these Regulations; or
- (b) any conditions for the time being in force in relation to the registration of the registered person under Part 2 of the 2000 Act.