
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Adoption Agencies (Wales) Regulations 2005

PART 3

**DUTIES OF ADOPTION AGENCY WHERE THE
AGENCY IS CONSIDERING ADOPTION FOR A CHILD**

Requirement to provide counselling and information for, and ascertain the wishes and feelings of, the child

13.—(1) The adoption agency must, so far as is reasonably practicable and in the light of the child's age and understanding—

- (a) provide a counselling service for the child;
- (b) explain to the child in an appropriate manner the procedure in relation to, and the legal implications of, their adoption and provide the child with appropriate written information about these matters; and
- (c) ascertain the child's wishes and feelings in relation to—
 - (i) the possibility of placement with a new family and their adoption;
 - (ii) their religious and cultural upbringing; and
 - (iii) contact with their parent, guardian, relative or other significant person.