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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Adoption Agencies (Wales) Regulations 2005**

**PART 4**

**DUTIES OF ADOPTION AGENCY IN  
RESPECT OF A PROSPECTIVE ADOPTER**

**Function of the adoption panel**

27.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the adoption panel must consider the case of the prospective adopter referred to it by the adoption agency and make a recommendation to that agency as to whether the prospective adopter is suitable to adopt a child.

(2) In considering what recommendation to make, the adoption panel —

- (a) must consider and take into account all information and reports passed to it in accordance with regulation 26;
- (b) may request the adoption agency to obtain any other relevant information which the panel considers necessary; and
- (c) must obtain legal advice as it considers necessary in relation to the case.

(3) Where the adoption panel make a recommendation to the adoption agency that the prospective adopter is suitable to adopt a child, it may consider and at the same time give advice to the agency about the number of children the prospective adopter may be suitable to adopt, their age range, gender and characteristics (health and social).

(4) Before making any recommendation, the adoption panel must invite the prospective adopters to attend the panel meeting.