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The Adoption Support Services (Local Authorities) (Wales) Regulations 2005

Adoption support services adviser

6.—(1) The local authority must appoint at least one person (an “adoption support services adviser”) to carry out the functions specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The functions of the adoption support services adviser are to:

- (a) give advice and information to persons who may be affected by the adoption or proposed adoption of a child, including as to —
 - (i) services that may be appropriate to those persons; and
 - (ii) how those services may be made available to them;
- (b) give advice, information and assistance to the local authority which appointed him or her, including as to —
 - (i) the assessment of needs for adoption support services in accordance with regulation 8;
 - (ii) the availability of adoption support services and other local services; and
 - (iii) the formulation of plans in accordance with regulation 10; and
- (c) give advice, information and assistance to another local authority including as to the matters specified in sub-paragraph (b) where —
 - (i) a child is to be placed for adoption by the local authority referred to in sub-paragraph (b) in that other local authority’s area; or
 - (ii) a person in respect of whom there is a plan in place moves from the area of the local authority referred to in sub-paragraph (b) to the area of that other local authority.

(3) The local authority must not appoint a person as an adoption support services adviser unless satisfied that the knowledge and experience of that advisor of —

- (a) the process of adoption; and
- (b) the effect of the adoption of a child on persons likely to be affected by the adoption, is sufficient for the purposes of the work that the advisor is to perform.