
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Adoption Support Services (Wales) Regulations 2019

Adoption support services

3.—(1) For the purposes of section 2(6)(b) of the 2002 Act the following services are prescribed as adoption support services—

- (a) assistance to adoptive parents, adoptive children, and related persons in relation to arrangements for contact between an adoptive child and a birth parent or a related person of the adoptive child;
- (b) services that may be provided in relation to the therapeutic needs of a child in relation to the child’s adoption;
- (c) assistance for the purpose of ensuring the continuance of the relationship between a child and the child’s adoptive parent, including—
 - (i) training for the adoptive parent for the purpose of meeting any special needs of the child arising from that adoption, and
 - (ii) subject to paragraph (3), respite care;
- (d) assistance where disruption in an adoption arrangement or placement has occurred or is in danger of occurring, including—
 - (i) mediation, and
 - (ii) organising and running meetings to discuss disruptions in adoptions or placements;
- (e) assistance to adopted persons who have attained the age of 18 in obtaining information in relation to their adoption or facilitating contact between such persons and their relatives;
- (f) assistance to relatives of adopted persons who have attained the age of 18, in obtaining information in relation to that adoption or facilitating contact between such persons and the adopted person;
- (g) services to enable groups of adoptive children, adoptive parents and birth parents or former guardians of an adoptive child to discuss matters relating to adoption.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(e) and (f), “relative” means any person who but for their adoption would be related to the adopted person by blood, including half blood or marriage.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(c)(ii), respite care that consists of the provision of accommodation must be accommodation provided by or on behalf of a local authority under section 81 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014⁽¹⁾ or by a voluntary organisation under section 59 of the Children Act 1989⁽²⁾.

(1) 2014 anaw 4.
(2) 1989 c. 41.