

Access to birth records, birth records counselling and access to information Workshop for professionals

Overview

This one-day workshop covers the statutory obligations of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 and the differences between birth records counselling, access to birth records and access to information. It also explores the emotional impact of the work, both on the adopted adult and on the support worker.

Objectives

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- learn the differences between birth records counselling, access to birth records and access to information as described in the legislation
- learn how to seek information from courts and adoption agencies
- understand the differences between sharing information under adoption law and under the Data Protection Act
- consider what can and cannot be shared from adoption records
- practise the skills associated with and reflect on the emotional impact of sharing personal information
- consider how to discuss 'what next' with adopted adults
- reflect on current practice

Who should attend?

Social workers, social work assistants who may be undertaking this work under the supervision of an experienced social worker with at least three years' experience of adoption work.

Co-facilitators

Jean Milsted
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Cost of workshop

£150

Online delivery during COVID-19

This workshop is offered via Zoom in two three-hour sessions.