

## **Access to information for post-commencement adoptions Workshop for professionals**

### **Overview**

This one-day workshop explores the differences between working with pre-commencement and post-commencement adoptions and the impact of these differences on access to and sharing of information. It offers an opportunity to practise the skills and reflect on the emotional impact associated with sharing difficult information and to consider implications for service users wanting contact.

### **Objectives**

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- to learn the differences between working with pre-commencement and post-commencement adoptions
- to understand the impact of this difference on access to information, sharing of information, and on wider agency practice
- to consider the implications for service users wanting contact
- to practise the skills and reflect on the emotional impact associated with sharing difficult information
- to discuss a case or a theme of concern (individual practitioner or agency-wide)

### **Who should attend?**

Social workers, social work assistants who may be undertaking this work under the supervision of an experienced social worker, and others who are advising service users about access to information.

*NB: this workshop is not suitable for those without prior experience of birth records counselling/access to information unless they have attended our Access to Birth Records, Birth Records Counselling and Access Information workshop.*

### **Co-facilitators**

Jean Milsted  
Jan Shine

### **Cost of workshop**

£150

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### **Online delivery during COVID-19**

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