

CONSULTATION

Prospective Adopters Report (Form F)

Please find attached the proposed format and content for the Prospective Adopters Report for England. It is in two parts:

- Part 1 – the Report itself
- Part 2 – the Agencies record of the information and actions it has taken in fulfilment of the Adoption Agency Regulations 2005

Many aspects of the new report are the same as the already published Part 1. The new parts focus on the qualitative aspects of the assessment. Particular attention has been paid to incorporating the relevant parts of the Adoption Agency Regulations 2005 and the DfES's Practice Guidance 'Preparing and Assessing Prospective Adopters (2006)'. Some notes on the relevant links have been made but for a fuller explanation reference to the Practice Guidance is essential.

Wales

It is hoped that with minor modifications, the form can be adapted for use in Wales to make it compliant with the Welsh regulations.

Scotland and Northern Ireland

Until new regulations have been published and approved in Scotland and new Act has been passed in Northern Ireland, the current Form F will continue to be available.

Form F2 and F3

Intercountry (F3) and Adoption of a child already known (F2) will be made available as modules to the core form once the final format has been agreed following this consultation

Competency framework

This will continue to be made available unchanged

Fostering

BAAF will be shortly consulting on a revised Form F for fostering which has an alternative modular structure. We are consulting on the best structure but it is the intention, when finally published, that the Adoption and Fostering forms should be as similar as possible to ensure uniformity.

Consultation Questions

1. Is anything omitted from the form?
2. Is there anything that is unclear?
3. Is the sequencing in the form helpful?
4. Are the notes sufficient in conjunction with the AAR 2005 and the DfES Practice Guidance 'Preparing and Assessing Prospective Adopters'?
5. Should the chronology be portrait or landscape?

The 'Pro-forma for Matching' Report used for referring to the Adoption Register for England and Wales remains the same and will be included in the final version.

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