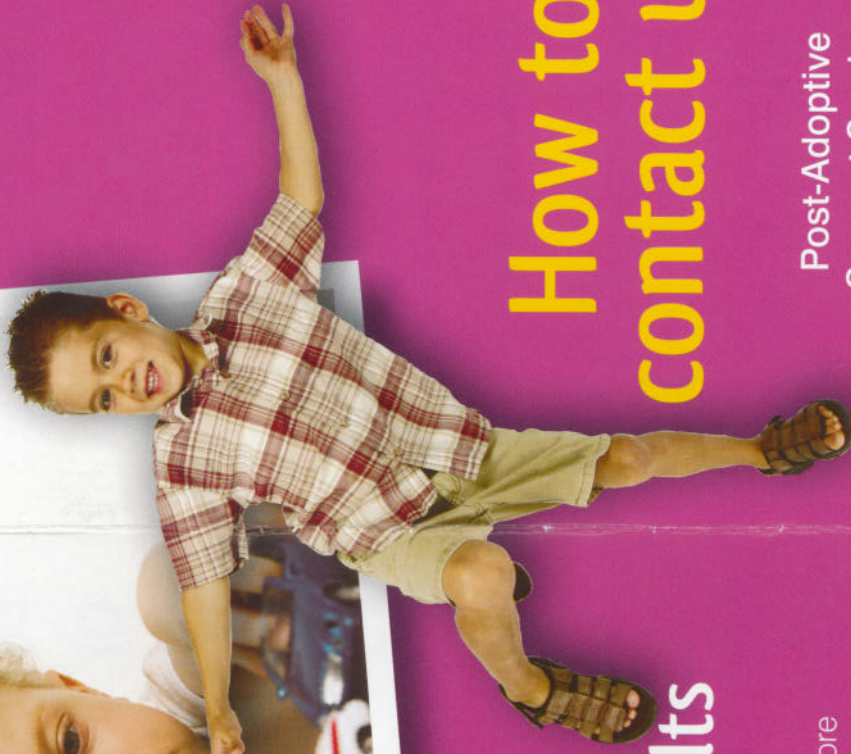




Services for Adopted Adults

Deciding whether to find out more about your past can be difficult, so we offer counselling if you are considering accessing your birth records or contacting your birth family.

The Post-Adoption Support Service can help you liaise with other relevant agencies to make contact with your birth family, such as the general register office, After Adoption and NORCAP.



How to contact us:

Post-Adoptive Support Service

3rd Floor
141-163 Corporation Street
Preston PR1 2UQ

A social worker is available to provide advice and support from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Tel: 01772 532540

Post-Adoption Support Service



Welcome!

Lancashire County Council's Post-Adoption Support Service was established in response to the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

We recognise that adoption is for life and the Post-Adoption Support Service is available to give help, advice and support when you as adopters need it. We will be there if the children you care for want to discuss their adoption. We are also there for birth families who may need help and advice later in the child's life.

We offer ongoing advice and support to people affected by adoption, including:

- **Adopted children**
- Adopted adults
- **Birth parents**
- Adoptive families

Services for adopters

- Weekly support groups for adopters with newly placed children
- **Drop-in surgeries for adopters, with a post-adoption worker providing advice and support**
- Support groups for adopters
- **Family days around the county, held in summer and after Christmas.**
- Twice-yearly newsletter with updates and articles
- **Advice and support with mailbox arrangements**
- An adoption duty line, staffed by a social worker, to offer advice and assistance from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
- **Lending library**
- Advocacy and signposting to relevant local services and agencies
- **Training for adopters**

Sometimes adopters may feel they need more support if they are dealing with complex or difficult issues.

At these times we will assess your needs and design a more intensive package of support, liaising with other agencies if necessary.

Services for birth parents or families

- Advice/support with mailbox arrangements

Lancashire County Council offers support for birth parents via After Adoption, a charity that provides counselling and support.

Agencies such as After Adoption and NORCAP also provide intermediary services, should you wish to contact your child once they have reached adulthood; however, agencies cannot disclose their details without their consent.

