

*These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act 2002
(c.38) which received Royal Assent on 7th November 2002*

ADOPTION AND CHILDREN ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – Adoption

Chapter 3 - Placement for Adoption and Adoption Orders

Section 27: Contact: supplementary

95. *Section 27* makes supplemental provision in relation to contact. There may be cases where it is inappropriate for contact to take place even though provided for under an order. *Subsection (2)* enables the agency to refuse contact for a period of not more than 7 days if it is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so in order to safeguard the child's welfare. Regulations may set out the circumstances in which the terms of any order made under *section 26* may be departed from.
96. *Subsection (4)* imposes a duty on the court when making a placement order or a final adoption order to consider the arrangements the agency has made or proposes to make in relation to contact and under *subsection (5)* the court may impose any conditions on a contact order made under section 26 as it thinks fit.