



Adoption and Children Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 38

PART 1

ADOPTION

CHAPTER 7

MISCELLANEOUS

The Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service

103 Right of officers of the Service to have access to adoption agency records

- (1) Where an officer of the Service [^{F1}or a Welsh family proceedings officer] has been appointed to act under section 102(1), he has the right at all reasonable times to examine and take copies of any records of, or held by, an adoption agency which were compiled in connection with the making, or proposed making, by any person of any application under this Part in respect of the child concerned.
- (2) Where an officer of the Service [^{F2}or a Welsh family proceedings officer] takes a copy of any record which he is entitled to examine under this section, that copy or any part of it is admissible as evidence of any matter referred to in any—
 - (a) report which he makes to the court in the proceedings in question, or
 - (b) evidence which he gives in those proceedings.
- (3) Subsection (2) has effect regardless of any enactment or rule of law which would otherwise prevent the record in question being admissible in evidence.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 103(1) inserted (1.4.2005) by [Children Act 2004 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 67(6), [Sch. 3 para. 17](#); [S.I. 2005/700](#), art. 2(2)

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F2 Words in s. 103(2) inserted (1.4.2005) by [Children Act 2004 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 67(6), [Sch. 3 para. 17](#); [S.I. 2005/700](#), art. 2(2)

Commencement Information

I1 S. 103 in force at 30.12.2005 by [S.I. 2005/2213](#), [art. 2\(i\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2005/2897](#), arts. 3-16)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4A inserted by [2014 c. 6 s. 5](#)
- s. 141(7) inserted by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22, s. 17\(4\)](#) ; [S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2\(a\)](#))