
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005

PART 3

**DUTIES OF ADOPTION AGENCY WHERE THE
AGENCY IS CONSIDERING ADOPTION FOR A CHILD**

Requirement to provide counselling and information for, and ascertain wishes and feelings of, the child

- 13.—**(1) The adoption agency must, so far as is reasonably practicable—
- (a) provide a counselling service for the child;
 - (b) explain to the child in an appropriate manner the procedure in relation to, and the legal implications of, adoption for the child and provide him with appropriate written information about these matters; and
 - (c) ascertain the child's wishes and feelings regarding—
 - (i) the possibility of placement for adoption with a new family and his adoption;
 - (ii) his religious and cultural upbringing; and
 - (iii) contact with his parent or guardian or other relative or with any other person the agency considers relevant.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply if the adoption agency is satisfied that the requirements of that paragraph have been carried out in respect of the child by another adoption agency.