
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 prepare child's permanence report for the adoption panel

17.—(1) The adoption agency must prepare a written report (“the child’s permanence report”) which shall include—

- (a) the information about the child and his family as specified in Parts 1 and 3 of Schedule 1;
- (b) a summary, written by the agency’s medical adviser, of the state of the child’s health, his health history and any need for health care which might arise in the future;
- (c) the wishes and feelings of the child regarding the matters set out in regulation 13(1)(c);
- (d) the wishes and feelings of the child’s parent or guardian, and where regulation 14(4)(a) applies, his father, and any other person the agency considers relevant, regarding the matters set out in regulation 14(1)(c);
- (e) the views of the agency about the child’s need for contact with his parent or guardian or other relative or with any other person the agency considers relevant and the arrangements the agency proposes to make for allowing any person contact with the child;
- (f) an assessment of the child’s emotional and behavioural development and any related needs;
- (g) an assessment of the parenting capacity of the child’s parent or guardian and, where regulation 14(4)(a) applies, his father;
- (h) a chronology of the decisions and actions taken by the agency with respect to the child;
- (i) an analysis of the options for the future care of the child which have been considered by the agency and why placement for adoption is considered the preferred option; and
- (j) any other information which the agency considers relevant.

(2) The adoption agency must send—

- (a) the child’s permanence report;
- (b) the child’s health report and any other reports referred to in regulation 15; and
- (c) the information relating to the health of each of the child’s natural parents,

to the adoption panel.

(3) The adoption agency must obtain, so far as is reasonably practicable, any other relevant information which may be requested by the adoption panel and send that information to the panel.