STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005

PART 4

DUTIES OF ADOPTION AGENCY IN RESPECT OF A PROSPECTIVE ADOPTER

Requirement to provide preparation for adoption

- **24.**—(1) Where an adoption agency is considering a person's suitability to adopt a child, the agency must make arrangements for the prospective adopter to receive such preparation for adoption as the agency considers appropriate.
- (2) In paragraph (1) "preparation for adoption" includes the provision of information to the prospective adopter about—
 - (a) the age range, sex, likely needs and background of children who may be placed for adoption by the adoption agency;
 - (b) the significance of adoption for a child and his family;
 - (c) contact between a child and his parent or guardian or other relatives where a child is authorised to be placed for adoption or is adopted;
 - (d) the skills which are necessary for an adoptive parent;
 - (e) the adoption agency's procedures in relation to the assessment of a prospective adopter and the placement of a child for adoption; and
 - (f) the procedure in relation to placement for adoption and adoption.
- (3) Paragraph (1) does not apply if the adoption agency is satisfied that the requirements set out in that paragraph have been carried out in respect of the prospective adopter by another adoption agency.