
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Independent Review of Determinations
(Adoption) (Wales) Regulations 2005

PART 2

PANELS

Membership of panels

5.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the National Assembly must appoint no more than five persons as members of the panel, who must (where reasonably practicable) include:

- (a) an adoptive parent; and
- (b) an adopted person who has attained the age of 18 years.

(2) The panel must be advised by:

- (a) a social worker within the meaning of Part IV of the Care Standards Act 2000⁽¹⁾ and has at least 5 years post qualifying experience in adoption and family placement work;
- (b) a registered medical practitioner with expertise in adoption work; and
- (c) where the panel considers it appropriate, a legal advisor with knowledge and expertise in adoption legislation.

(3) No person will be appointed, either as a member or an advisor, to a panel which is convened to review a qualifying determination made by an adoption agency by which he or she was employed at any time in the two years before the date on which the case is referred to the panel.

(4) In this regulation reference to having been employed includes being employed by an adoption agency whether or not for payment and whether under a contract of services or a contract for services or as a volunteer.

⁽¹⁾ 2000 c. 14. By virtue of section 55(2)(a) and (4) of the Care Standards Act 2000, a social worker for the purposes of Part IV of that Act, is a person who engages in social work that is required in connection with any health, education or social services provided by any person.