WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Adoption Information and Intermediary Services (Pre-Commencement Adoptions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

Amendment of the Adoption Information and Intermediary Services (Pre-Commencement Adoptions) (Wales) Regulations 2005

12. In regulation 12 (contacting the appropriate adoption agency)—

- (a) for paragraph (2) substitute—
 - "(2) The steps referred to in paragraph (1) include—
 - (a) requesting in writing from the Registrar General any information under regulation 13 that may be relevant for this purpose;
 - (b) requesting in writing from the court that made the adoption order information about the identity of the appropriate adoption agency;
 - (c) making enquiries of the local authority for the area where the adoption took place.";
- (b) in paragraph (3) after "the intermediary agency must" insert "take all reasonable steps to";
- (c) for paragraph (4)(a) substitute—
 - "(a) ascertain whether the adopted person has, at any time, expressed views to the agency about—
 - (i) any future contact with any relative;
 - (ii) any future contact between people with a prescribed relationship to the adopted person and relatives of the adopted person;
 - (iii) being approached with regard to such contact; and";
- (d) for paragraph (4)(c) substitute—
 - "(c) seek any other information required for the purposes of—
 - (i) tracing the adopted person and, where the adopted person is not the subject, any other subject;
 - (ii) enabling the adopted person to make an informed decision as to whether to consent to—
 - (aa) the disclosure of identifying information about him or her;
 - (bb) an application proceeding to facilitate contact between a relative of the adopted person and a person with a prescribed relationship to the adopted person; or
 - (cc) contact with the applicant;
 - (iii) enabling any other subject to make an informed decision as to whether to consent to—
 - (aa) the disclosure of identifying information about him or her; or

(bb) contact with the applicant;

- (iv) counselling the subject and, where he or she is not the subject, the adopted person in relation to that decision; and
- (v) counselling the applicant.";
- (e) in paragraph (5) after "a request from an intermediary agency under paragraph (4)" insert "or under corresponding English provision";
- (f) after paragraph (5) insert—

"(6) An "intermediary agency" ("*asiantaeth gyfryngol*") for the purposes of paragraph (5) includes an intermediary agency as defined under corresponding English provision."