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**The Access to Information (Post-Commencement
Adoptions) (Wales) Regulations 2005**

PART 5

COUNSELLING

Duty to secure counselling

15.—(1) Where a person mentioned in regulation 14(1) requests that counselling be provided for him or her, the adoption agency must make arrangements to secure counselling for that person.

(2) The agency may provide the counselling itself or make arrangements with any of the following persons for the provision of counselling—

- (a) if the person is in Wales or England, another adoption agency or a registered adoption support agency;
- (b) if the person is in Scotland, a Scottish adoption agency;
- (c) if the person is in Northern Ireland, an adoption society which is registered under Article 4 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987⁽¹⁾ or from any Board; or
- (d) if the person is outside the United Kingdom, any person or body outside the United Kingdom who appears to the agency to correspond in its functions to a body mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c).

(3) In this regulation —

“Board” means a Health and Social Services Board established under Article 16 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972⁽²⁾ or where the functions of a Board are exercisable by a Health and Social Services Trust, that Trust;

“registered adoption support agency” means an adoption support agency in respect of which a person is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000.

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 1987/2203 (N.I. 22).

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14).