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# The Future of Adoption

## Meeting the increased demand on the system

Tuesday 10th July 2012

Westminster Studio, London SW1

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### NATIONAL CONFERENCE & BROADCAST

Speakers include:

**David Akinsanya**  
Campaigner and Broadcaster

**David Holmes**  
Chief Executive, BAAF

**Anthony Douglas**  
Chief Executive, CAFCASS

**Jonathan Pearce**  
Chief Executive, Adoption UK

**Oliver Clarke**  
Adoption and Children in Care Strategy Team,  
Department for Education

**John Goldup**  
Deputy Chief Inspector, Education,  
Children's Services and Skills, Ofsted

### UNDERSTAND THE GOVERNMENT'S 'ADOPTION ACTION PLAN'

Through the publication of the *Adoption Action Plan*, the Government is introducing measures to reduce delays in the adoption process. As you'll be aware, these reforms include measures to check progress based on 15 key performance indicators (KPIs).

But, how will councils and adoption agencies need to adapt their work processes? Indeed, how will your team hit these KPIs whilst continuing to provide the best care provision?

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### LEARN HOW TO ACHIEVE AN 'OUTSTANDING' RATING

By attending this 1-day conference, you'll learn from adoption teams highlighted as being outstanding - based on the Government's 15 key performance indicators. You'll come away from this event with a winning strategy to ensure every child in your care has the best chance to find the right parents fast.

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- a projector or an LCD screen to display the live conference stream
- a space in which to host the event – a boardroom or lecture theatre would be perfect



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## Attending this conference will enable you to:

- Hear from the government on reforming the adoption process
- Understand the new performance indicators so you can achieve an 'Outstanding' rating
- Explore the new framework for inspection so you can ensure a smooth transition in service delivery
- Assess developments in the family court system and how delays can be avoided
- Examine the true cost of in-house and outsourced placements
- Discuss whether slimming down pre-adoption assessments leads to unsuitable adopters slipping through the net
- Examine how councils can save money by working in partnership with voluntary adoption agencies
- Discover best practice on preventing delays and meeting children's needs for permanency
- Learn from national success stories through interactive in-depth seminars examining:
  - > Recruiting new adopters
  - > Supporting adopters to take more challenging sibling groups and children with disabilities

## Adoption professionals attend from:

#### Local Authorities:

- Directors of Children's Services
- Adoption and Permanency Team Managers
- Adoption Support Managers and Social Workers
- Adoption Training Team Leaders
- Independent Reviewing Officer
- Adoption Support Trainers
- Family Finding and Placement Teams
- Family Based Care Recruitment Team
- Children Information Teams
- Family Plus Teams
- Family Placement Team

#### Mangers

- Social Workers
- Adoption Panel Members
- Commissioning Managers
- Lead Members for Children's Services
- Placement support workers
- Principal practitioners
- Adoption Consultants

#### Independent Providers:

- Marketing Managers
- Recruitment Managers
- Chief Executives

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SESSION ONE: <b>Setting the scene</b>	
	Also available online*
09.50	Welcome and introduction from conference Chair <b>David Akinsanya</b> , Campaigner and Broadcaster
10:00	Keynote address: Looking to a future of secure, stable placements <b>Oliver Clarke</b> , Adoption and Children in Care Strategy Team, Department for Education
10.15	Adoption - challenges and opportunities <b>David Holmes</b> , Chief Executive, BAAF
10.30	Avoiding delays in adoption outcomes for children <b>Anthony Douglas</b> , Chief Executive, CAFCASS
10.45	Questions and discussion
11.00	Refreshments, networking and exhibition

SESSION TWO: <b>The changing landscape</b>	
	Also available online*
11.25	Right on time <b>Matthew Brazier</b> , National Adviser, Looked After Children, Performance and Surveys Team, Ofsted
11.45	The family justice review: preparing for the requirements <b>Dame Gillian Pugh OBE</b> , Chair of the National Children's Bureau; Member of the Family Justice Review panel
12.05	The true cost of in-house and outsourced placements <b>Lisa Holmes</b> , Assistant Director, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University
12.25	Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will slimming down pre-adoption assessments lead to unsuitable adopters slipping through the net?</li> <li>• The risks of time pressures versus the security of placement?</li> </ul> <p><i>Session speakers to be joined by Chair of adoption panel</i></p>
12.50	Lunch, networking and exhibition

SESSION THREE: <b>Putting theory into practice</b>	
	Also available online*
13.50	Practically recruiting adopters <b>Morag Darnborough</b> , Senior Communication and Recruitment Manager  <b>Joanne Hardman</b> , Adoption Team Leader, Families for Children, Glasgow City Council
14.10	A holistic approach to adoption support <b>Jonathan Pearce</b> , Chief Executive, Adoption UK
14.30	Preventing delays and meeting children's needs for permanency <b>Helen Watson</b> , Corporate Director Children, Adults and Families, South Tyneside Council
14.50	Surpassing the government's 15 key indicators for success <b>Pete Dwyer</b> , Director of Children's Services, City of York Council
15.10	Questions and discussion
15.20	Refreshments, networking and exhibition

SESSION FOUR: <b>Key issues seminar</b>	
	Also available online*
15:40	Supporting adopters to take more challenging sibling groups and children with disabilities <b>Satwinder Sandhu</b> , Director of Adoption, PACT
16.30	Close of conference

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