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Dear Stakeholder,

**GOOD PRACTICE ADVICE NOTE –
ADOPTION SUPPORT 3 YEARS POST ADOPTION ORDER**

The Adoption Support Services (Local Authorities) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (the 2005 Regulations) make provision for local authorities to provide adoption support services as part of the services maintained by them under section 3(1) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (the 2002 Act). Adoption support services are also defined by section 2(6) of the 2002 Act.

The National Adoption Service has developed a good practice advice note which provides clarity in respect of the responsibilities of either a placing local authority or resident/receiving authority (i.e. where the child lives with their adoptive parents) under the 2005 Regulations. It is written with particular reference to the support needs for a child where, after the three year period post-Adoption Order, the responsibility for the Adoption Support Plan is transferred from the placing authority to the resident/receiving authority.

Welsh Government endorses this good practice advice note, particularly in relation to the arrangements for the resident or receiving Local Authority accepting transfer of the Adoption Support Plan, and would encourage stakeholders to refer to its content during their working practice. The document is available from the National Adoption Service regional services or, from the central team by emailing contact@adoptcymru.com

I trust you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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