

## Who can request an Assessment of support needs?

If your child was placed through North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and you live here, we can offer you an assessment.

If your child was placed by NYCC and you live in another Local Authority, we continue to be responsible for your support for three years after the Adoption Order was granted. After that support will transfer to your local council.

If you live here but your child was placed by another authority and the Adoption Order was granted less than three years ago, the placing authority remains responsible for adoption support services.

If the Adoption Order was granted more than three years ago, you can contact us.



## How do I contact the Team?

You can telephone or email us.

We will arrange an appointment for you to come to the office or we may visit you at home.

We will talk with you and your child about the support you feel is needed and undertake an assessment of the family circumstances.

Should the assessment identify the need for the provision of a service we will then agree a plan which will outline objectives, timescales, and a period of review to assess the progress of any intervention or service to be provided.

### Contact Details:

[adoption@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:adoption@northyorks.gov.uk)

One Adoption Duty  
telephone number  
0345 305 2576



## Adopted Children's Support Team



North Yorkshire County Council provide a range of services for children and families in need of additional support, including children adopted from care.

The Adopted Children's Support Team are available if your child requires specific support related to their adoption. You can contact us to request an Adoption Support Assessment.



## These support services can include:

Advice and support on parenting a child adopted from care.

Advice on sharing a child's birth family history.

Support for children and young people who have questions about their identity.

Advice and strategies related to attachment and loss.

Help with contact between a child and his or her birth family.

Meetings and events to enable groups of adopters and adoptive children to get together.

Weekly 'surgery' appointments with a social worker throughout the County to discuss specific issues.

Training to help parents to meet the needs of their adoptive child.



Help to access therapeutic services that have been assessed as a requirement.

In **acute** circumstances, short breaks with a foster carer may be agreed for an adopted child, whilst work is undertaken to address the difficulties within the family.

Advice and support can be arranged for other professionals working with adopted children, including schools and Health.

Adoptive parents can also request an assessment for financial support.



Every adopted child is entitled to an Assessment of their Adoption Support Needs, but which services they are able to access will depend on individual circumstances.

We also have staff who are trained to provide 'Theraplay' which is an attachment based therapy, helping build better relationships through play.

Advice and information on adoption support issues are also available on the many specialist websites such as;

Adoption UK  
[www.adoptionuk.org.uk](http://www.adoptionuk.org.uk)

PAC-UK  
[www.pac-uk.org](http://www.pac-uk.org)

First 4 Adoption  
[www.first4adoption.org.uk](http://www.first4adoption.org.uk)

CoramBaaf  
[www.corambaaf.org.uk](http://www.corambaaf.org.uk)

