

The Government's Adoption Strategy: One Year On

[1 America Square, 17 Crosswall, London, EC3N 2LB](#) | 7th March 2018

10.15	Registration & Morning Refreshments
11.00	Chair's Introduction
11.05	Morning Session: Updates on Adoption <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress under the new government• Legal updates and practicalities• Revamping adoption assessments to increase the number of people on the adoption list• Speeding up transfers from care to family life• Outlining the role of adoption panels• Funding the Regional Adoption Agencies• Intercountry adoption and resident status updates <p>⇒ John Simmonds OBE, Director of Policy, Research and Development, CoramBAAF</p> <p>⇒ Dr Mary Beek, Research Fellow, School of Social Work, UEA</p>
13.00	Networking Lunch
13.45	Continuation of Morning Session <p>⇒ Sue Armstrong, Chief Executive, Adoption UK</p>
14.10	Afternoon Session: Sharing Good Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motivating and recruiting more adopters and foster carers through targeted and specialist techniques• Reducing waiting times• Managing challenging behaviour from children in care• Considering mental health support to adopted children• Finding the right match for adopters and children• Considering religious, racial and cultural factors when selecting adoptive parents• Therapeutic adoption placement model for harder to place children <p>⇒ Joanne Alper, Director of Services, Adoptionplus</p> <p>⇒ Jane Turner, Social Worker, Adoption Support Team, Devon Adoption</p>
15.30	Chair's Summary & Event Close

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