

The Government's Adoption Strategy: One Year On

Event to be held in Central London (Zone 1) | 7th December 2017

10.15 **Registration & Morning Refreshments**

11.00 **Chair's Introduction**

11.05 **Morning Session: Updates on Residential Care for Children**

- 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
- ⇒ **Sue Armstrong**, *Chief Executive, Adoption UK*
- ⇒ **John Simmonds OBE**, *Director of Policy, Research and Development, CoramBAAF*

13.00 **Networking Lunch**

13.45 **Afternoon Session: Sharing Good Practice**

- 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
- Effectively using the Adoption Support Fund to provide therapeutic support

15.30 **Chair's Summary & Event Close**

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