

The Government's Adoption Strategy: One Year On

Event to be held in Central London (Zone 1) | 7th March 2018

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
- ⇒ **Joanne Alper**, Director of Services, Adoptionplus
- ⇒ **Jane Turner**, Social Worker, Adoption Support Team, Devon Adoption

15.30 Chair's Summary & Event Close

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