

# 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
- ⇒ **John Simmonds OBE**, *Director of Policy, Research and Development, CoramBAAF*

13.00 **Networking Lunch**

13.45 **Continuation of Morning Session**

- ⇒ **Sue Armstrong**, *Chief Executive, Adoption UK*

14.10 **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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