

WEST YORKSHIRE ADOPTION JOINT COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Purpose

- 1) WYAJC brings together the five participating authorities to:-
 - a) Engage with voluntary adoption agencies in the region;
 - b) Deliver adopter recruitment, matching, adoption panel and support functions through a regional adoption agency known as One Adoption Agency for West Yorkshire;
 - c) Promote excellent and innovative practice; and
 - d) Ensure value for money.

The Delegated Functions

- 2) WYAJC will discharge the following functions on behalf of the Participating Authorities¹:-
 - a) Adoption services including:-
 - i) Recruitment and approval of potential adopters;
 - ii) Identification of potential matches between children and adopters;
 - iii) Provision of adoption panels; and
 - iv) Provision of adoption support services² to adopters, adoptees, birth families and relevant professionals.

Remit

- 3) WYAJC will:-
 - a) Receive reports in relation to the performance and progress of One Adoption Agency for West Yorkshire from both the Head of Service and the Management Board;
 - b) discuss and agree the strategic direction of One Adoption Agency for West Yorkshire, including the setting of stretch targets;
 - c) oversee the discharge of the Delegated Functions;
 - d) promote good performance in relation to the Delegated Functions, reflecting added value brought by One Adoption Agency for West Yorkshire in outcomes for children and their adoptive families ;
 - e) monitor the budget allocated to One Adoption Agency for West Yorkshire;
 - f) review value for money achieved by One Adoption Agency for West Yorkshire; and
 - g) exercise the corporate parenting role of the Participating Authorities in relation to the functions of One Adoption Agency for West Yorkshire.

¹ Functions in relation to individual children (including decisions to place for adoption and to approve a match) remain the responsibility of each Participating Authority.

² Including maintenance of and access to adoption records