

**Members of the Consortium
include:-**

Local Authorities:-

Leeds, Bradford, Calderdale, Wakefield,
Kirkcstee, North Yorkshire, Barnsley,
Hull, York, East Riding, Sheffield, NE
Lines, Doncaster, N. Lines

*Voluntary agencies that contribute
families for inclusion on the consortium
database include:-*

NCH
Catholic Care
Adoption Barnardos Yorkshire

Associate Members are;

BAAF, After Adoption Yorkshire &
Adoption Register for England & Wales

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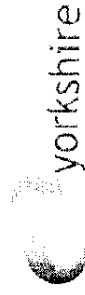
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Information for adopters

*Working together for children
needing adoption*



Information on families.

Adopters details are sent to the consortium as soon as they are approved providing that the adopters have consented to this.

When are families available to be considered by the consortium?

Families are available to other members in the consortium after 3 months from approval (or earlier if requested to do so by the agency).

The consortium co-ordinator will enter the details of the families as soon as they are received and will run a check to see if there are children who could be matched with this family. If there is a possible match the co-ordinator will notify the family's social worker directly.

What about financing placements?

Placements are made under the terms and conditions of the child's agency. This includes payments, grants and allowances. It is the responsibility of the child's social worker and the family's worker to clarify the details in each placement.

Information on Children.

When a child has been identified as needing an adoptive placement and the court has agreed with this decision their details will be sent to the consortium co-ordinator by the child's social worker.

What happens next?

The co-ordinator enters the child's details onto the database and checks to see if any families are available that would match with the child. A list of up to 6 possible families will be drawn up. This will be sent to the social worker who is responsible for finding a family for the child.

Once the social worker has decided on a first choice of family they will contact the family's social worker. The family's social worker will then forward details of the child onto the family. If they feel positive about a potential match a meeting will be arranged with the child's social worker for further discussion before a match is agreed by the adoption panel.

What is the Yorkshire Adoption Consortium?

The consortium brings together all adoption agencies in the region with the aim of increasing the possibilities of finding families for children in the area by linking them with approved adopters.

The Consortium has a Co-ordinator who maintains a database holding information on children awaiting adoption in the region and adopters approved to adopt.