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Lynne Neagle AM
Chair,
Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Dear Lynne,

This letter alerts you to the issue of amended Directions for the delivery of the National Adoption Service for Wales.

The Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Joint Adoption Arrangements) (Wales) (Amendment) Directions 2019 have been issued under the Adoption and Children Act 2002, as amended by Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, and came into effect on 1 October 2019.

These Directions amend the principal Directions (The Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Joint Adoption Arrangements) (Wales) Directions 2015) to require local authorities in Wales to refer

- (i) the details of prospective adopters once they are approved; and
- (ii) the details of children whom the local authority has been authorised to place for adoption

to the Wales Adoption Register within one month, rather than three months as previously.

This gives effect to the relevant elements of Welsh Government Consultation WG36071 (Regulations to introduce a two-stage approval process for adopters), which was issued on 3 October 2018.

Yours sincerely

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