

How to access services

Requests for services by phone, letter or e-mail should be made to the duty social worker at the Adoption Support Service. Contact details are on the back page. The duty social worker is available Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 1pm.

Post Adoption Centre

We also have a contract with the Post Adoption Centre (PAC) in London. The PAC provide an independent source of advice for adopters and their families, adopted people, and birth families.

As part of the agreement with the Adoption Support Service, the PAC hold locally-based counselling surgeries in West Sussex. You can arrange an appointment by contacting the PACs Advice Line (see below).

The Post Adoption Centre
5 Torriano Mews
Torriano Avenue
London NW5 2RZ
Phone: 0207 284 0555
Advice Line: 0870 777 2197
Fax: 0870 777 2167
E-mail: advice@postadoptioncentre.org.uk
Website: www.postadoptioncentre.org.uk

Adoption Support Service

Durban House, Durban Road
Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO22 9RE
Phone: **01243 642444**
E-mail: adoption.support.service@westsussex.gov.uk

County Adoption Team

Harwood House, King's Road
Horsham, West Sussex RH13 1PR
Phone: **01403 246416**
Fax: **01403 246401**
E-mail: adoption.team@westsussex.gov.uk

If you would like this leaflet in other formats, for example, on cassette, or would like the information in another language, please contact:

- The Communications Manager
The Grange, County Hall
Chichester PO19 1QT.
Phone: 01243 777415.
Fax: 01243 777679.
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E-mail: socialcare@westsussex.gov.uk

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The West Sussex Adoption Support Service is available to adopters and their families, adopted people and birth families. We are experienced in all matters relating to child care, adoption and adoption support.

We provide the following services.



Adopters and their families

- Access to specialist advice
- Written information
- Annual newsletter
- Letterbox and contact arrangements
- Contact with other adopters
- Support groups and training
- Direct access to therapeutic services
- Referrals to other therapeutic and specialist services



Adopted adults

- Specialist advice on searching and getting access to birth records
- Reunion work, including mediation
- Written information
- Referral to specialist groups
- Advice on contact
- Referral to specialist services



Birth families

- Access to independent advice and consultation on all matters relating to adoption
- Written information
- Advice on, and negotiation of, contact arrangements, including letterbox contact
- Advice on tracing birth relatives placed for adoption, including mediation
- Access to support groups

