



Adoption
focus

This month Adoption Focus celebrates
16 years as an adoption agency.

16 years of approving adopters, building
families and changing children's lives.

A message from Anna Sharkey, Adoption Focus CEO

“ A celebration of family life. From a small start, Adoption Focus has grown and developed. This has happened because of our committed board, dedicated staff, expert panel members, legal and medical advisors and a huge number of volunteers who have helped us on our way.

Our service has grown to include support to adopters and their families at every stage of the process – advice, training, placement and continuing family support. We also provide early permanence placements through Triangle Project, supporting families to provide stability and security at the earliest opportunity.

Our Adoption Focus family has grown as we have supported others to also grow.



Over 16 years we have placed more than 750 children with just over 550 families. Families made through adoption and early permanence and supported through our continuing commitment.

We are so grateful to everyone involved in making this happen and so proud of all we have achieved together.

Thank you,  ”



What our families say

“Our worker has changed our lives”

“Thanks for listening to my child, I can see the difference at home”

“The quality of Adoption Focus training is second to none and I always come out informed and tooled up”

Finding Families

Over the past 16 years, more than 750 children have been adopted by over 550 families.

- Nearly 600 families have been approved to adopt
- 75 families have been dual-approved through Triangle Project

To continue to provide the placements children need:

- Information Events are provided every week
- Preparation Training is held every month
- Prospective Adopters move through the process quickly with a dedicated social worker
- Approval Panels are convened two or three times month



Our Linking & Matching team works directly with approved adopters and dual-approved carers to find the child or children who would most benefit from their care.





Our vision is loving and supportive family life for every child.

Our mission is to provide permanent and positive family life experience for children in need of adoptive homes, through the careful preparation and continuing support of adoptive parents.

We've been inspected by Ofsted five times, and have been rated as 'Outstanding' every time.

Impact Snapshot 2024 - 2025

62

children placed for adoption with 48 families

30

new families approved to adopt

200

families attended our social events

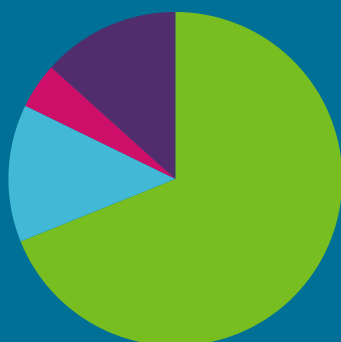
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referrals for adoption support

Gender Mix of Adopters

Mixed Gender Single

Female Couple
Male Couple



Children Placed

Single
Groups of Brothers and Sisters



Adoption Support Provided

School Support
Therapeutic Life Work
Talking and Telling



Volunteers

Over the past 16 years our work has been supported by hundreds of volunteers, giving up their time to fulfil roles as trustees, panel members, buddies, fundraisers, and events coordinators. We cannot thank them enough for their skills, knowledge and expertise which makes such a difference to the children and families we support.

Fundraising

We are always looking for new opportunities, partners and supporters to help us raise funds for the benefit of our children and families.

Thank you to all our donors and volunteers.

Adoption Support

In 2016, we launched our in house Adoption Support Team, building on the support service already developed in our assessment and placement team. Since then, the team has responded to nearly 600 adoption support referrals.

Family life is often complicated and for our families, life can sometimes be more challenging.

Our support includes: opportunities for groups of adopters and/or adoptees to meet together, training events, social gatherings, therapeutic life story work, direct input from our support team and our advice and learning platform, Adopterverse.

Adoption Support is made possible by generous donations and fundraising.



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