



## Who Are Adoption Match?

We are a national service, matching children to permanent families. We run the Adoption Register for England on behalf of the Department for Education, which is the only **statutory register of children and adopters** approved and waiting to be matched.

All children approved for adoption **must** be referred to the Adoption Register within 90 days of approval (or sooner) unless a serious link is being considered. This is a statutory duty of agencies. All adopters who have been approved to adopt for three months or more with no active links being pursued, and who are in agreement, must be referred to the Adoption Register. Adopters can choose to refer to the Adoption Register immediately, either by self-referring or through their adoption agency.

## What's Changed?

We are thrilled to share our latest development with you. Adopters and practitioners from pilot agencies can now directly access and search the register for children and adopters. We want to thank all those adopters and practitioners in the pilot agencies for working with us to ensure we offer the best possible system, please **click here** to see the list of pilot agencies.



## How We Can Help You

Agencies and adopters, involved in the pilot, are now able to directly add to and search our database of children and adopters to find the best possible matches. If you are not part of the pilot **do not worry**, our team will continue to work tirelessly to seek matches between children and adopters and you will be included within those searches.

Have you seen our new easy to use website?

[www.adoptionmatch.org.uk](http://www.adoptionmatch.org.uk)



**Current statistics**

Adoption Match currently has

**360**

children awaiting adoption, and

**1575**

families waiting to adopt

Our dedicated Business Partners, organised by region, ensure our searches are intensively carried out, considering pilot and non-pilot adopters for children. We work closely with adoption agencies and local authorities.

Every time we search to find a family for a child, every adopter is considered, using their matching criteria. Our team use the family profiles to determine their suitability to each particular child's needs. Our committed team of Regional Business Partners understand their agencies, families and children's needs and work to assist you in obtaining the best possible chance at being matched.

The team can give guidance on any clarifications that need to be made to profiles and will be available to liaise with practitioners regarding any other matching tools that we could implement to assist in the matching process, for example, attending an Exchange Day or Adoption Activity Day.

Good range of available families and good to meet people in person at the Exchange Day

*Lovely team, very helpful and approachable.*

The Exchange Day was really encouraging, helped me understand how the adoption register works.

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**You can contact your Regional Business Partner on 0345 222 9015 or call the adopter helpline on 0345 222 9058. Alternatively email your query to [mail@adoptionmatch.org.uk](mailto:mail@adoptionmatch.org.uk).**