

Placement Orders Fact Sheet

What is a Placement Order?

A placement order is a legal ruling made by the court which allows a Local Authority to place a child with approved prospective adoptive parents. The adopters would have passed all the checks and are deemed a suitable match for the child. This order does not mean the child has been adopted but it allows the Local Authority to begin making plans to adopt the child.

When would my child be adopted?

Any child that is placed for adoption would be subject to further court proceedings. The local authority will have to apply for an Adoption Order and any parent would be given notice of that application. Depending upon the circumstances of your case there may be scope to argue / contest the adoption order application. You should contact us straight away so that we can review this and advise further.

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