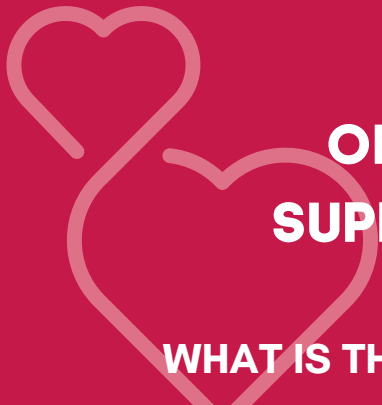




ONE ADOPTION WEST YORKSHIRE SUPPORTING CONNECTIONS WORKER

WHAT IS THE SUPPORTING CONNECTIONS WORKER SERVICE?

The Supporting Connections Worker is part of the wider 'Supporting Connections Service'*

The Supporting Connections Worker service provides one-to-one support and guidance whilst reviewing, reinstating or renegotiating current connections. The service works with adoptees, birth family members, adoptive family members.

**Also includes Letterbox, access to adoption records, webinars/training, independent support services*

WHAT THE SERVICE DOES



- The Supporting Connections Worker works in partnership with adoptees and families to consider the most appropriate arrangements for the adopted child/young person to maintain their connections
- Aims to be responsive and pro-active; work will be short-term
- Provides a quality assurance function for all new connections arrangements, to give them the best possible start
- Provides consultations to adoptees, birth family members, adoptive family members and other professionals in relation to supporting continued connections
- Signposts to other relevant or related services as appropriate

WHAT THE SERVICE DOESN'T DO



- Ongoing Adoption Support case work
- Ongoing supervision of face-to-face contacts
- Life Story work
- Adoption and Special Guardian Support Fund (was ASF) applications
- Supervise face-to-face contact arrangements set up by others
- Set up new letterbox arrangements

HOW TO ACCESS THE SERVICE

Contact us via: Adoption Advice line – 0113 378 3535 (option 1) or
supportingconnections@oneadoptionwy.leeds.gov.uk

