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Adoption support

Anyone who adopts children may need support from time to time. Every adoption is different and each family's need for support will be different. We understand that different ages and stages in a child's life might bring particular challenges and which will require different support.

If you have adopted a child from Perth and Kinross, it is our responsibility to ensure that you have the support you need.

Whatever the support you require, we will provide a full assessment and endeavor to offer you the help you need. You can come back to us at any time if your situation changes.

If you have adopted a child from another authority, we will liaise with them to arrange support. The council who placed your child is responsible for the adoption support of your child for up to three years after the adoption order is granted, thereafter responsibility transfers to the Local Authority where you live. Responsibility for adoption allowances remains with the Council who placed your child.

Adoption support can be offered in different ways:

- Contact with a member of the Adoption Team who will discuss your concerns and talk to you about the support you feel will be most helpful.
- Referral to a specialist service, for example for therapeutic work or educational support.
- Our Adoption Support Group meets about four times a year and is a good opportunity to meet other adopters and develop your support network, discuss the common issues facing adoptive parents and to speak to workers from the team about your particular circumstances.
- Adopters sometimes make friendships through attending preparation groups and the Adoption Support Group. We can also put you in touch with adopters in an informal "buddy" system.
- The  [adoption postbox \[267Kb\]](#) is a confidential service to facilitate an exchange of information between adopters and birth parents.