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St David's
Adoption
Service

OUR PURPOSE: A GUIDE FOR EVERYONE

ST DAVID'S ADOPTION SERVICE: WHAT WE DO

Recruitment and training: We find and assess people who want to adopt.

Ongoing Support: We provide support before and after adoption, including group meetings, fun events, and special training.

Contact Arrangements: We help with staying in touch with birth families when needed.

Access to Birth Records

- **Information Service:** We help adults access their birth records.
- **Intermediary Service:** We help connect adopted adults with their birth families if they wish.

Adopting Together Service: We have a unique service for children who have been waiting for a long time for a family or have additional needs. We work with the local authority and regional adoption services to provide this.



Our AFKA Cymru Service

Offers **Training, Consultancy and Support** for families and professionals involved in adoption, fostering, and kinship care.

Our Fostering Service

Our fostering service offers bespoke foster carer **recruitment, finding and building families** for children looked after in Wales. It offers specialist support for children moving placements or moving home to birth family.

WHO WE HELP

Prospective Adopters: People who want to adopt must be 21 or older.

Children: We support children from birth up to 18 years old.

Adopted Adults and Relatives: We help adults who were adopted and their families as well as birth parents looking for their adopted children.



OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Lifelong Support: Adoption is a lifelong journey. We are here to help whenever you need us, even many years after adoption.

Your Voice Matters: We listen to what you and your family have to say and work to make sure your needs are met.

Safe and Inclusive Environment: We welcome people from all backgrounds, and we make sure everyone feels safe and included.

SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to keeping everyone safe and offer training on safeguarding and child development.

ADOPTION SUPPORT

Family Support: We work closely with families to identify their needs at every stage of adoption.

Training: We provide training to help families understand and support their adopted children.

OUR TEAM

Staff Qualifications

- **Experienced Leaders:** Our team includes professionals with advanced degrees in social work and management.
- **Specialist Social Workers:** Our social workers are trained in therapeutic techniques to support families.

Supervision and Training

- **Regular Supervision:** Our team receives regular supervision and training to ensure high-quality service.
- **Continuous Learning:** We encourage staff to continuously improve their skills through additional training.

RECORD KEEPING

- **Secure Storage:** We keep all records safe and secure in compliance with data protection laws.
- **Long-Term Storage:** Adoption records are stored for 100 years to ensure future access..

FEEDBACK AND IMPROVEMENT

- **Listening to You:** We use feedback from families and staff to improve our services.
- **Continuous Improvement:** We strive to learn and grow from every experience.

GOVERNANCE AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

- **Quality Monitoring:** We regularly review our services to ensure they meet high standards.
- **Involvement in Decision-Making:** Service users are involved in decision-making processes to help guide our services.

COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS

- **Open Communication:** We welcome feedback and have a formal complaints procedure to address concerns.
- **Celebrating Success:** We share compliments with our team to promote best practices.

LINKS

- **Statement of Purpose:** This document gives detailed information about St David's Adoption Service and its purpose as a Voluntary Adoption Agency.
- **"Have your Say" leaflet:** This leaflet provides information on how you can speak to St David's if you have something you would like to feedback to us.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

If you have any questions or need support, you or your family can contact us anytime. We are here to help you and make sure your adoption journey is a happy and successful one.

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We are registered with the **Care Inspectorate Wales**.

www.careinspectorate.wales/contact-us

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Remember, at St David's Adoption Service, you're not alone. Whether you're considering adoption or looking for support after adoption, we're here to help.



How many people we help

Adoption Inquiries: Over 300 people inquire about adoption each year.

Approved Adopters: Approximately 20 families are approved each year.

Support Services: Around 30 families receive post-adoption support annually.