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# The Child's Permanence Report







# Purpose of the CPR

- Meets the requirements of Adoption Agency Regulations (AAR) and Schedule 1 for the CPR and the Practice Direction 14C Annex B for a placement order application report
- Meets the court, panel and ADM requirements
- Brings all required information together in one report
- Focus on the child so it can be used effectively for family finding
- Inform the child/adult in later life

# Purposes of the CPR for ADM

To provide information to enable the Agency Decision Maker (ADM) to discharge their functions under the Adoption Agencies Regulations including compliance with the Welfare Checklist (s1 of the Act)

- whether to recommend that the child should be placed for adoption
- whether a placement order should be sought
- to provide information to the adoption Panel considering a match and to enable the ADM to decide







# Purpose of 2024 update

- Continue to meet requirements of the Adoption Agency Regulations (AAR) and Annex B report and reduce duplication of work for social workers
- Enhance the voice of the child in the narrative and include examples of direct work
- Include a section on sibling relationships
- Establish the plan for the child to stay in touch with those important to them, balance the risks of this being direct, on-going and face to face with the risks of not supporting this.
- Maintain the focus on the child so the report documents their journey and can be used effectively for family finding and to inform the child in later life, including consideration of appropriate language
- Increase the emphasis on the social worker's views and their analysis of the child's needs



# Pilot of 2024 update

- Pilot run May – Sept (extended to Nov)
- RAA/LA 24
- Consultation with DfE, judiciary, Guardians
- Research, legislation and guidance
- Adopters/birth parents/adopted adults
- ?65 CPR's completed, 11 PO's and 6 matches?

Thank you to

Adoption Now, Adopt Thames Valley, Adopt SW, Essex CC  
Oxfordshire CC Norfolk CC Adopt London West, Adopt London East  
Northumberland, North Tyneside, Hertfordshire, Portsmouth

A stack of several books with different colored spines (red, black, white, and brown) is leaning against a wooden shelf. The books are of varying thicknesses and are arranged in a slightly haphazard manner.

# Confidentiality

- The information included in the CPR about the child's relatives and other people involved with them, such as foster carers, is gathered to meet the requirements of the Adoption Agencies Regulations, specifically Regulation 17 and Schedule 1 parts 1 and 3, and so is not treated as personal data as defined in the DPA 2018.
- Under DPA 18 & GDPR, the basis for processing this information will be the agency's 'legal obligation', as the processing is necessary to comply with the law.
- Consent is therefore not required in order to include the information in the CPR.



# Language

- Descriptions of people need to be respectful and balanced
- Avoid jargon, acronyms and professional terminologies that the people being written about may not understand
- Sensitive information should be collected and recorded in appropriate and trauma-informed ways to avoid creating unintended harm
- Report must explain Agency's actions and decisions
- Importance of using terms that children and families favour





# Identity





Name of <b>worker responsible*</b> for family finding: <sup>(d)</sup>	
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Has there been any delay in implementing this decision? If yes, give details and reasons:	
Date of care order/placement order or any other orders made:	

### 3. Essential information about the child

Surname:	
First name/s:	



# Identity

- Child has a right to know about their heritage
- Identity is more than just knowing – it involves ‘belonging to’ and ‘identification with’
- For the child, their sense of identity requires incorporating their ‘born to’ identity with their ‘adoption identity’
- Does the child have a passport?

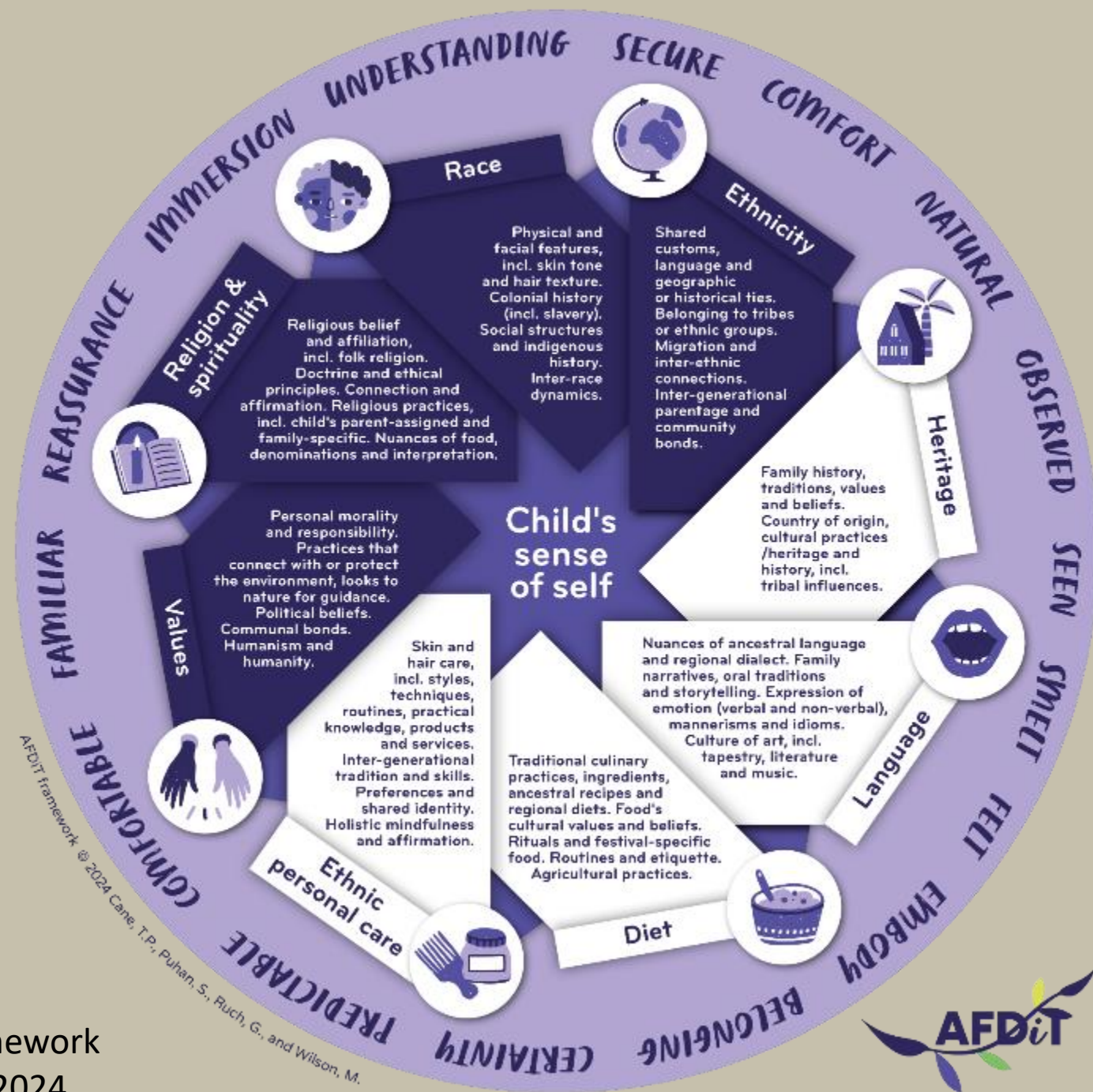




# Identity

- Child led and goes beyond the traditional understandings of identity categories
- Each child will have a developing sense of who they are and what is important in the world around them.
- Children and young people draw their identity from different sources around them: family and or carers, peers, school, wider community and social media.
- 'Identity see saw'

# AFDiT tool







## Feedback from Pilot – social workers

‘I like the section on sibling assessment but it is challenging to write’

‘fostering are delighted to be included’

‘loved the sections on the day in the life of the child and 'how do you know this?’

‘takes a bit longer as new’

‘ more evident that it it needs joint working, document encourages it, but forges better relationships and information ‘

‘first CPR completed, could get to know the child much better ‘



## Feedback from Pilot – managers and ADMs

‘I have never met this child but I felt like I had! I really like the section on how they know the child’ – Head of Service

‘We think the new template is an improvement and is much more child centred, especially in terms of section 9 ( description of child)’ - team manager

‘easy to read, child focused, less repetitive’ – ADM

‘has needed more joint working - sent sections to foster carers –generally takes longer , mainly because new, but takes more thought’- head of service

‘much better sense of the child and planned trajectory’ - ADM

‘more detailed about the child, family finding team have been engaging birth parents’ –ADM

‘Excellent reports; very detailed, updates are clear. Feel like I get a good sense of child’s journey. CPR is of good quality. It is well written and has been updated to contain information relating to the most recent assessments of birth parents’ - ADM





## Feedback from Pilot - others

‘flows better, less repetitive, more of the child’s voice’ - panel chair

‘user friendly, wording much better’ – legal team

‘longer to read but more child-focused’ – medical adviser

‘much better about the child, more sensitivity around birth parents, quality is much better’ – panel adviser

‘less repetitive and visually much better’ – panel adviser



# Sections in the updated CPR

- Section A for use as Schedule 14C Annexe B report
- Child's Permanence Report 2025 (appendices for gathering information)
- Guidance
- File cover note for adopted adults



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‘Pop up’ guidance is embedded in the form

# Annex B Report to court where there has been an application for a Placement Order

## Section A

In the		Court	
Case number (include full name of child and date of birth)			
Re:			

## Part one: The report

This report is prepared pursuant to Part 14 and Practice Direction 14C, Annex B, of the Family Procedure Rules 2010 by:

**Repeat this section for each author of the report if more than one.**

Name of author	
Role in the case	
Sections of report completed	
Qualifications and experience	
Name and address of adoption agency	
Telephone number	
Adoption agency case reference no.	

## Part two: Matters for the proceedings

Should any other person be made a party to the proceedings?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, give name and relationship to the child		
Are any of the respondents to this application under the age of 18?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, give name and date of birth		
Is any respondent to this application incapable of managing or administering their affairs because of a mental disorder within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1983?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>



# CPR (Child's Permanence Report)

## Cover note for adopted adults

To be completed at point of Adoption Order and file closure

This report belongs to:	
Date of most recent update:	

This report was completed at the time of your adoption and reflects the information, understanding and language at that time.

As an adopted person, you have a right to this report without redaction or editing (section 60(2)(b) Adoption and Children Act 2002), if your Adoption Order was made on or after 30 December 2005.

Whilst this is your information, you may wish to have someone with you for support when you read it as it may contain upsetting information about you or members of your birth family.

You may wish to consider the potential impacts on yourself and others and seek further advice before sharing information from this report online or on social media.

Should you need help with understanding or processing this information, or need further advice, you can contact the adoption support service in the local authority area where you live now.

You may have separate children's social care files, to which data protection legislation applies. You can request access to these files from the local authority (or authorities) involved in your care as a child, which was [name of local authority].

### Later life letter

Your later life letter, completed by [name and role] on [date], is kept [Agency Authority computer drive/system].

### Life story book

Your life story book, completed by [name and role] on [date], is kept [Agency Authority computer drive/system].

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## 9. Descriptive and evaluative report on the child<sup>(m)</sup>

In compiling this **report\***, where evidence has been drawn from the reports of other professionals, list reports below and give details.

Name of report	Author of report	Professional position	Date of report
Description of an occasion when you have spent time with the child and the child's interaction and engagement with you. Include date and location (e.g. foster carer's house, nursery, etc).			



relationship):		
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## 28. Proposed arrangements for the child to **stay in touch\*** with family and people important to them in the future<sup>(bb)</sup>

What are the proposed contact arrangements, post-placement and post-adoption order as set out in the Care Plan?

Set out the reasons and any assessment used to inform this plan (e.g. Research in Practice tool). How will it meet the needs of the child (balance the options) and how will the plans be reviewed? (See guidance)

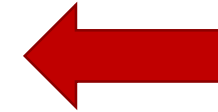
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Give a description of the arrangements for all relevant people set out below: e.g. meetings, exchange of information, frequency, duration, photographs, any other relevant details, and any support or supervision requirements. If this is not planned to be face-to-face meetings, give reasoning as to why not.

Child's mother:	
Child's father:	
Mother's/father's current partner:	
Maternal grandparents:	
Paternal grandparents:	
Sibling 1 (name):	

## **Appendix: Tools for gathering information**

The information collected here should be incorporated into the main report.



### **Child's parents' views**

Wherever possible, this record should be completed by the child's parents in their own words. It may be used as an important source of information for the agency in making its decisions and, when and where appropriate, for the child and the adoptive parents in understanding the child's background. It is important that birth parents understand the importance of these questions and the reasons why they are being asked. The form should be used wherever possible within the context of a counselling interview/s (required by Regulation 14, AAR 2005).

These forms could be revisited and updated at later points after the care proceedings, before matching or the adoption order application if the parents are willing and/or have been supported to make further contributions or changed their views.

The information gathered from the forms should then be included in the main report and a copy of the forms placed on the child's adoption file.

### **Views of the child's mother on the report**

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*‘Perhaps you saw the screen in front of you as the final destination. It was not; Your words, written about, but without me, would not remain hidden forever ‘*

Rebekah Pierre, (2023)

# Thank you for joining



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