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Introduction

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Introduction to consultation

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Proposal 1: Removal of Ofsted registration requirement for providers of adoption support services, where those providers are working under contract with an adoption agency

5 Do you agree that the Ofsted registration requirement for providers of adoption support services, where those providers are working under a contract with an adoption agency, should be removed?

Yes

Question 1.1:

The argument set out in the consultation is very clear. While there is not a 100% similarity between the OFSTED registration requirements and the support service providers who deliver through a contract, requiring both is time-consuming, resource intensive and an unhelpful duplication. The overall impact on the sector has led to a reluctance to develop much-needed support services.

6 Do you think the checks provided by the regulatory framework are sufficient to avoid a drop in standards?

Yes

Question 1.2:

The context that adoption agencies and local authorities sets the highest of expectation about standards. The compliance issues should be set out to ensure standards are retained.

7 Do you think this will reduce burdens on providers?

Yes, this will reduce burdens on providers

Question 1.3:

One rather two systems should significantly reduce the burden.

8 Do you think this change will increase the number of providers of adoption support services?

Not Answered

Question 1.4:

Compliance with contracting requirements rather than an additional requirement in registering with OFSTED will lower the barrier to entry for new providers. But is also essential that any provider is fully compliant with safeguarding, professional standards that are adoption focussed across the range of issues that are core to the need for support from young children through to adults of all ages.

9 Do you have any further thoughts on this proposed amendment?

Question 1.5:

It should positively impact on the availability of much-needed adoption support services.

Proposal 2: Removal of Ofsted registration requirement for providers of adoption-related counselling and therapeutic services to adults

10 Do you agree that the Ofsted registration requirement for providers of adoption-related counselling and therapeutic services to adults should be removed?

Yes, it should be removed

Question 2.1:

To ensure that service providers are not required to comply with a onerous set of standards

11 Do you think this will have a positive effect on the provider market?

Yes, it will have a positive effect on the provider market

Question 2.2:

By focussing providers on core issues in contracts not in addition to compliance with second set of standards

12 What impact on quality do you think it will have on adoption-related counselling and therapeutic adoption services for adults?

Question 2.3:

Focus of the needs of those people impacted by adoption not regulatory compliance.

13 Will this have a positive effect on the number of counsellors and therapists for people who want support for adoption-related issues?

Yes, it will have a positive effect on the number of counsellors and therapists available

Question 2.4:

Focus on the support issues not the compliance issues.